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## Q Drug shows Chris Herren film

Continues to work on substance abuse prevention

By Karen A. Lewis  
Correspondent

BARRE - His words were powerful and the message strong.

"Nobody asks about the first day...." said Chris Herren. "We tend to focus on the worst day, we forget the first day..."

Although not in person, Herren delivered just as influential a meaning as he starred in a film offered to the Quabbin school community last Friday and Wednesday evenings at Quabbin Regional Middle/High School, sponsored by Q-Drug, a nonprofit organization supporting prevention, treatment and recovery events along with education and awareness in the Quabbin District.

"The First Day," initially broadcast on ESPN last summer, documents the struggles and situations of substance abuse and addiction. Herren, a former professional basketball player who battled with addiction and lost his opportunity in sports, managed to turn his life around, and now travels across the country to schools and communities speaking to people about the realities of substance abuse, prevention and options for those who want and need help.

Through crisp editing, the movie blends Herren speaking to multiple schools, reaching numerous students all with the same sort

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## Fifties night

### benefited the Stone Church

More restoration work needed

By Karen A. Lewis  
Correspondent

GILBERTVILLE - Rockin' around the clock and traveling back in time to "The Fabulous Fifties" was the theme of the night for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Friends of The Stone Church's Dinner and Auction last Saturday evening at the wonderful Hartman's Herb Farm Bed and Breakfast in Barre.

"I love this," said FOSC board member Kaye Boothman, who was in fun fifties attire, donning a pink poodle skirt, cardigan, bobby socks and sneakers. "In the middle of winter to be able to get out and see friends is wonderful."

It was a sell-out crowd at Hartman's for the FOSC event, as many supporters of the mission were on hand for one of the biggest fundraisers of the year.

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Turley Publications correspondent photo by Karen A. Lewis

Taking a minute from pondering the silent auction items at The Fabulous Fifties Friends of The Stone Church 5th Annual Dinner and Auction are Jean Comerford (left) and Kaye Boothman.



## Quaboag students provide children's portraits

The Memory Project globally connects children

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARREN - Art students at Quaboag Regional Middle High School have been involved in a heartfelt program, The Memory Project, which connects them to students from around the world.

Quaboag students were matched with children in a Pakistani orphanage, and created individual portraits based on their photographs.

The Memory Project, a nonprofit organization in Wisconsin, invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents and extreme poverty. It is dedicated to promoting intercultural awareness, friendship, and kindness between children around the world through the universal language of art. There have been 250,000 youth involved in its programs since 2004.

"I chose mine because he looked super sweet and innocent, he was really cute," said senior Adeline Ford, who thoroughly enjoyed the entire process.

It began with choosing an orphan, spending a week or two sketching out how the portrait should look and then creating it.

QRMHS art teacher Beth Hansen said she learned of the program because a donor put money aside for Massachusetts art students to participate in the program, which runs about \$15 per student.



Turley Publications staff photo by Eileen Kennedy

Alexander Carter's portrait for The Memory Project, which used digital painting applications.

"They absolutely loved it," Hansen said of her students. "They only get the child's first name, their age and their favorite color and then they incorporate that color into the portrait," she said.

Hansen said it was fascinating to watch the students put their own twist on the portraits, incorporating color and style in their own individual way.

Each student also traced their hand on the back of the portrait and put their name inside it, she said. They could also include a short sentence about how they enjoyed creating the portrait along with a photo of themselves.

Freshman Phoebe Clowes said students watched a short video of

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The Rotary Club of Ware is looking for new members to help it maintain and grow the community service projects it takes of in town every year. Left to right are Ware Rotary Club member Lew Iadarola, School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo, Rotarian Phil Hamel, School Resource Officer Jeannine Bonnayer and Rotary Club President Kathy Deschamps. This is just one of the many projects The Rotary Club of Ware has made happen. They were presenting Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School with two-way radios for improved safety.

## Rotary Club looking for more members

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE - The Rotary Club of Ware has been improving the town for 92 years, and now its core of 10 members is hoping others will step forward and keep that service to

the community in place.

"Once it gets into your blood, that's it," said member Lewis Iadarola, who along with President Kathy Deschamps, do have family ties to the club. Deschamps'

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## Majority of students don't use drugs, alcohol

Depression, suicide results concerning

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE - Those attending a meeting Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance Monday at Baystate Mary Lane learned that the majority of Quaboag Hills students in grades eighth, 10th and 12th do not use any type of substance, whether it is alcohol, nicotine, marijuana or prescription drugs not prescribed for them.

A total of 1,318 students in Belchertown, North Brookfield, Ware, Quaboag Regional School District and Quabbin Regional School District were surveyed last spring. Among the topics they were asked about were their substance abuse, their perceptions about their fellow students' substance abuse, the attitude of their parents about substance abuse as well as whether they are being bullied, experiencing depression, harming themselves or thinking about suicide.

The survey was also conducted in 2017, which included Palmer School District students, who weren't surveyed this year because school and alliance officials weren't able to make it happen, Alliance officials said.

"The good news is that the majority of Quaboag Hills students are making healthy choices."

NEKR JENKINS  
Project coordinator for the Alliance's Drug Free Communities

"The good news is that the majority of Quaboag Hills students are making healthy choices," said Nekr Jenkins, who is the project coordinator for the Alliance's Drug Free Communities grant.

The survey showed that 77 percent had not used alcohol, 70 percent had not used nicotine, 79 percent had not used marijuana and 99.8 had not used prescription medication not prescribed to them. Less than 1 percent of the students surveyed reported using prescription drugs that weren't theirs or heroin.

She went on to say that three factors increase the chances that students will use substances: the age they first use a substance, their family history and childhood trauma they may have experienced.



Left, Gail Gramarossa, and Nekr Jenkins, present the results of the 2019 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey carried out by the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance through its Drug Free Communities federal grant.

Turley Publications staff photos by Eileen Kennedy

She said 90 percent of addictions begin with substance use during the teenage years, and one in two youths, with a family history of substance abuse, who begin using as a teenager are likely to develop an addiction.

Jenkins said research suggests marijuana is addictive for between 9 and 30 percent of those who use it. The survey showed 90 percent of eighth-graders, 78 of 10th-graders and 62 percent of 12th-graders reported not using marijuana. She also said the survey showed that for those who did use marijuana, 15 percent reported

they felt tired, groggy and unmotivated, 12 percent reported they had difficulty remembering and 11 percent reported coughing and breathing problems.

Another concern around marijuana is students using and then driving, with 21 percent of 12th-graders reporting they drove under the influence of marijuana in the 30 days before taking the survey.

The Alliance is also expending additional grant funds in an educ-

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# community corner

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**FREE MEDITATION** The Centered Place yoga studio in Warren is hosting a free Meditation Satsang taught by Swami Sahajananda, Friday evening, Jan. 31, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Swami Sahajananda lives in a yoga retreat and training center in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, and teaches internationally. “Satsang” is a Sanskrit word meaning “gathering together to be with the truth, to experience your inherent divinity.” This free program includes instruction in meditation as well as a discourse on the principles of spiritual life and practice. Attendees will learn the wisdom of the great sages of yesterday and how to apply their insights for living today. The program includes a few minutes of chanting as well as a meditation. These practices make it easy to open and become aware of the source of joy within, and to integrate what is learned into one’s life. Please register by calling 413-436-7374 or email [info@thecenteredplace.com](mailto:info@thecenteredplace.com).

**MUSICAL REVIEW AUDITIONS** will be held Ware Community Theatre are taking place Feb. 2, 3 and 4, at 7 p.m. at Workshop13, 13 Church St. in Ware. Men, women and children over age 10 are welcome. Please bring vocals for two songs w/track. Choreography preparation may be needed. For more information call 413-544-8381.

**SLIDESHOW TOUR** The New Braintree Historical Commission and New Braintree Historical Society proudly present a free event entitled, “The Brick Store,” on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m., the New Braintree Town Hall, at 20 Memorial Drive. It will be a slideshow tour narrated by Doug Waugh. It is expected to last about an hour and 45 minutes, with an intermission. Refreshments will be served. The Snow date will be Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. For more information go online to [www.newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org).

**SHARING ART** Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area’s favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art. Bring a sweetheart and join ArtWorks for a special Valentine-themed artists’ reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The artists’ work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to [workshop13.org/gallery](http://workshop13.org/gallery), call 413-277-6069 or email [art-works@workshop13.org](mailto:art-works@workshop13.org).

## ONGOING activities

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP** Were you in a relationship you felt was destructive? Are you in one now? Not sure? Come talk with us about this and more in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere. Come to The Healing Alliance Support Group for women questioning the health of their relationships on Domestic Violence Support Group at the Ware Learning Center, 23 West

## Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).

*Last week we ran a photo that was featured in the Jan. 31, 1991 issue of the Ware River News. The women in the photo were Florence and Veronica Siarkiewicz, who were shown with a plaque in the Young Men's Library Association, in honor of their \$50,000 donation to remember their brother, Matthew "Pat" Siarkiewicz.*

*Can you identify these four young women from the Feb. 14, 1991 edition of the paper or what they had just finished doing? Send your answers to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).*

Main St, in Ware, on Thursdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free child care is provided. For more information please contact Pat James at 413-726-8661.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can sign up for the checkers tournament, enjoy lots of games, coloring or Legos. This program is made possible by a cultural council grant.

**WARE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**, Circle 106 has temporarily changed its meeting place. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings will be at the home of Carol DeSantis, 307 Belchertown Road, Ware, the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Notify Charlene at 413-813-8557 whether you are able to attend.

**TEA, TREATS AND TALK** are what Tea Party Thursdays are all about at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. There are so many delightful people to meet. Come make new friends, meet old acquaintances and share conversation. Just come for tea (or coffee) or come propose a new activity. Meet at the Paige on Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information email [director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:director.paigelibrary@gmail.com) or call 413-477-6704.

**KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB** The Gilbertville Public Library holds a knitting and crochet club meeting every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come no matter their level of experience. Come and learn, lessons are given from 3 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

**HOMEMADE MEAL DELIVERY** All Saints Church is starting a hot homemade meal delivery for anyone in Ware called Take and Eat, which will be available on the first Saturday of each month. The church would like to know of anyone, yourselves included, who would benefit for getting a hot homemade meal once a month. There is no charge for the meal and there are no qualifications in getting the meal. Just asking for it is enough. Please call the rectory office at 413-967-4963 and give the name and address of the person or persons who would like to receive the meal. The program is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, “I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me.”

**WARE FUEL BANK** The Ware Fuel Bank has once again received generous donations from local businesses and has funds to help Ware residents who are facing interruption of utility service during the heating sea-

son. The only requirement is being a Ware resident with proof of low-income status or a financial crisis. The United Church of Ware administers this program. Those who need help or those wanting more information should call the church at 413-967-9981.

**NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT** Ware Community Theatre is seeking new members. It is a nonprofit organization interested in enhancing Ware’s culture by producing live performance plays, readings and solo persons of interest that may include musicals, dramas, local and national historical productions and timely events. They meet monthly on the third Monday at Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware at 7 p.m. Please call 413-544-8381 with any questions.

**COMMUNITY DINNER STARTS** The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road will hold free community dinners on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. All ages are welcome at the dinner.

**NARCAN TRAINING** The Ware Fire Department and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance are sponsoring free nasal Narcan (Naloxone) trainings on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Narcan or Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an overdose from prescription opioids or heroin. It can be purchased without a prescription at local pharmacies. If you or a loved one uses opioids, it is recommended to have Narcan and know how to use it. The free trainings will be held at the Ware Fire Department at 200 West Street. No appointments or pre-registrations are necessary, and those wishing to get the training can just walk in. For more information, contact Ed Wloch at [ewloch@townofware.com](mailto:ewloch@townofware.com) or call 413-967-5901.

**BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS** Residents are invited to join the Ware Community Concert Band. Come and experience the satisfaction of rehearsing and performing in a large accomplished band. The Concert Band rehearses once each week in the Ware High School auditorium on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They perform two full-length concerts each season, one in December and one in June, and also perform at local ceremonies and events. Membership is open to all local and area musicians of all ability levels and all band instruments. The only requirement is a desire to grow musically. Exercise your talents and come join them in making the music. For more information contact John, the conductor, at [jshobbs413@charter.net](mailto:jshobbs413@charter.net).

**KNITTING CIRCLE** The Warren Public Library at 934 Main St., in Warren is inviting knitters on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. to join all ages and abilities of knitters at a new, ongoing knitting circle. Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. Basic

instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-UNIT 123 WARE** meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Maple Street. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Michele at (413) 544-1996.

**BASEBALL BOOK AVAILABLE** The Ware Historical Society has added to its collection of the three Ware histories and other books of interest, “Ware Boys of Summer” by Ware native Stephen R. Katz. The stories of seven major league players from out small town is full of history of the game. Call Polli at 413-967-6882 to purchase a copy. The cost is \$15.95.

**STORY TIME** The Young Men’s Library Association has story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. located at 37 Main Street in Ware. After the story, there is always a craft. Come meet new friends! All ages welcome. No registration required. The library is wheelchair accessible. Contact Cathy Rezendes at 413-967-9691 for more information.

**BOOK CLUB** The Gilbertville Public Library holds a meeting of its book club on the last Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

**ADULT COLORING CLUB** The Gilbertville Public Library holds an adult coloring club meeting on the first, third, fourth and fifth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are held on Thursday nights at Trinity Episcopal Church on Park Street from 8 to 9 p.m., and Sunday nights at Mary Lane Hospital on South Street from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

**STORY TIME** Warren Public Library holds story time every Tuesday at 11 a.m. All children are invited to come and listen to stories and do a fun craft. The program is geared to 3 to 5-year-olds, but younger and older children are also welcome. For more information call 413- 436-7690. The library is located at 934 Main St.

**MISS DONNA STORY TIME** The West Warren Library Association presents a new season of Story Time with Miss Donna every second and fourth Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the West Warren Public Library, 2370 Main St. There will be fun, reading and crafts for tots 3 to 5-years-old. Please call 413-436-9892 with any questions.

**KNITTING CIRCLE** Knitters of all ages and abilities are invited to join an ongoing knitting circle at the Warren Public Library, at 934 Main St. in Warren. The group meets on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m.. Both experienced and beginning knitters are welcome, and crocheters, too. Basic materials and instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. Come and learn how to knit. Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. For more information call 413-436-7690.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** A new Narcotics Anonymous group called “The Ware Clean Group” now meets on Sundays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at “The Living Room” at Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St.

**THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY** service unit offers support to families in the Ware/Warren area. Services include helping families find information on utility shut offs, food/clothing referrals, and fuel assistance. If you are in need of information and would like to make an appointment, call 413-277-5432.

**THE CLOWNING FOR KIDZ FOUNDATION** is seeking individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring a decorative balloon on their clown bus. For a \$50 tax-deductible donation the balloon will feature the sponsor’s name and contact information prominently displayed and seen by thousands of event spectators across New England. For more information, please contact Jim Allard at 413-454-7234.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Fall down

5. American TV company (abbr.)

8. Exclamation that denotes disgust

11. Gallantry

13. Chinese word signifying “doctrine”

14. Prefix meaning “beside”

15. Act of imitating

16. Tall, rounded vase

17. Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar

18. Rural Iranian village

20. Time zone

21. Military weapon (abbr.)

22. Gets rid of

25. Aggressive

30. Addressed one’s appearance

31. Affirmative

32. Denoting Indo-European

languages

33. French noble family

38. Shock therapy

41. Having characteristics of both sexes

43. Large suitcase

45. One who identifies God with the universe

48. Swiss river

49. Frequently

50. Wipe out

55. Invests in little enterprises

56. Waste

57. Resembles a large shrimp

59. Derogatory name for rural resident

60. Menswear accessory

61. Tropical American tree

62. Pitching statistic

63. Camera type

64. Cardinal number that is the sum of five and one

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Surgical procedure of the heart (abbr.)

2. Northern Scandinavia indigenous person

3. Evergreen trees and shrubs

4. Meat from a domestic hog

5. State of insensibility

6. Herb

7. Annuity

8. San Diego-based ballplayer

9. Members of a Semitic people

10. Any physical damage

12. Woolen rug

14. Alsos Mission leader

19. Aromatic plant used as culinary herb

23. Where you sleep

24. Ruled Russia

25. Indicates density of data (abbr.)

26. Sea eagle

27. Type of light bulb

28. Wreath

29. Graduate with a degree

34. What thespians do

35. “Orange is the New Black” character

36. Comedienne Gasteyer

37. Romanian monetary unit

39. People treated as a group

40. Small European plant

41. First responder group

42. A person’s head

44. Giggle

45. Bura-\_\_: Chadic language

46. Snout moth genus

47. Body part

48. Inspirational Wimbledon champ

51. Revolutions per minute

52. American software developer

53. Ancient Greek city

54. Female sheep

58. “The Science Guy”

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## TEACHER RECOGNIZED BY COUNTRY BANK

GILBERTVILLE – St. Aloysius Catholic School's second and third-grade teacher, Kathy Knight, has been awarded Country Bank's Teacher of the Month for December 2019. She was nominated by her second-grade student, Olivia, who highlighted all of the wonderful things Knight does to make learning fun, from hands-on activities to field trips, writing activities and more. Country Bank Vice President of Public Relations, Jodie Gerulaitis, presented this very special teacher with a \$100 gift certificate, a gift basket, four tickets to Old Sturbridge Village and a special bag. The school and its students congratulate Kathy Knight on her recognition.

## Ware Jr. Sr. High School lists honor roll

WARE — Ware Jr. Sr. High School lists the honor roll for the second quarter.

**Making high honors in grade 7 are:** Kyla Campbell, Michael Devlin, Tory Finocchio, Chelsea Folay, Nathan Harmon, Shelby Hogan, Taylor Janson, Lillian Knight, Samantha Lowe, Owen McKeever, Abigale McQuaid, Leah O'Connell, Philip Orszulak, Genna Saletnik and Kylee Slattery.

**Making honors in grade 7 are:** Aislynn Alman, Adrianna Andrejack, Mason Beaumier, Donald Charron, Kenycea Crump, Dylan Cummings, Joshua Crump, Brady Dyer, Skyla Eaton, Alexia Feliciano, Michael Fountain, Cassidy Gauvin, Nathan Kaczuka, Jennifer Kinney, Dakota Kularski, Chole LaGrant, Hannah Lang, Seth LaValley, Logan Mascroft, Erin McFaul, Cameron Miarcecki, Trevor Millet, Kaydance Moran, Jason Mumper, Kayla Obrzut, Olivia Owsalak, Samantha Pare, Brody Paul, Luis Rivera, Ally Roberts, Kevin Robles-Cordero, Logan Rodrigues, Gavin Sawabi, Aria Serus, Evelyn Shilosky, Laila Spring, Isabella Staiti, Breanna Towlson, Patrick Towne and Tayla Williams.

**Making high honors in grade 8 are:** Kaley Campbell, Emily Chagnon, Ariel Cummings, Mathew Desrosiers, Noah Fales, Tanner Lockwood, Jack McKeever and Kyle Safford.

**Making honors in grade 8 are:** Hunter Belanger, Tyler Bonilla, Nicholas Bousquet, Remy Cahalan, Chloe Cebula, Octavio

Cotaj, Mia DiRienzo, Haidyn Dyer, Kyle Gordon, Brooke Grushey, Jocelyn Guimond, Ava Jeffery, Gavin Kanozek, Kelsea Kingsbury, Heather Martin, Emily McGrail, Kameron Miner, John Mumper, Mackenzie Peterson, Jacob Richter, Jake Riethie, KayLee St. Cyr, Dylan Sutkaitis, Lily Taylor, Matthew Tichy and Luke Walker.

**Making high honors in grade 9 are:** Rachel Desjardins, Riley Dulak, Ethan Flamand, Tony He, Sophia LaGrant, Aislin McClure, Callie Orszulak, Elle Patrissi, Natalie Silverio, Elise Towne, Christopher Vadnais and Owen Welsh.

**Making honors in grade 9 are:** John Auchter, Ryan Carey, Brenna Chelsey, Tanner Fontaine, Opal Gaulin, Sierra Golden, Mason Harper, Jayden Jones, Mackenzie Kern, Tylor Loyn, Camren McCormick, Jaiden Mendez, Joshua Musnicki, Brogan O'Keefe, Luz Pacheco, Alichia Perez and Camryn Wallace.

**Making high honors in grade 10 are:** Camden Balicki, Aliah Crump, Nathalie Cruz, Anthony DeSantis, Nicholas Gambino, Nicholas James, Douglas Mulligan, Caroline Riethie and Hannah Shamgochian.

**Making honors in grade 10 are:** Brooke Belanger, Andrea Bell, Logan Bernier, Charles Chabot, Quintin Davis, Chloe Gallagher, Haley Guimond, Meggan Harper, Jeremy Johnson, Kayla Ledoux, Anthony Mendoza, Quintin O'Connell, Emma Orszulak, Emma Orszulak, Michael Polak, Gavin

Rohan, Joshua Santiago, Andrew Soltys and Serri Wadhoff.

**Making high honors in grade 11 are:** Patrick Bousquet, Janisse Castro, Vincent Chiaravalle, Elisha Crump, Seraya Dauksewich, Sydney DiMarzio, Jacqueline Dugay, Luke Harmon, Halley Hernandez, Lilly Kibbe, Audrey LaValley, Myles McGrail, Sean Moriarty, Chelsea Orszulak, Lexie Orszulak, Aiden Patrissi, Morgan Saletnik, John Soltys, Anais Stokosa and Olivia Vadnais.

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## Officials share Complete Streets plan

Take input from residents about safety

By Shelby Macri  
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WARE – The Complete Streets program is starting the prioritization plan for the construction of sidewalks, crosswalks and more for the town of Ware, and held a forum on Jan. 23 to explain it and answer questions. The town already has a bicycle and pedestrian network plan set up by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, which the Complete Streets will be including in its project list.

The project manager, Sarah Davis, gave a presentation with the director of Planning and Community Development Rebekah DeCourcey. At this presentation DeCourcey said the Complete Streets plan will include building bikeways for cyclists in and around Ware. Many people in attendance agreed the town doesn't have very safe ways for those who bike often. Some parents in the crowd said they don't let their kids ride bikes around town, only in a playground area. The Complete Streets plan would include bike lanes along West Street and possibly include sidewalks to highly-biked areas.

Davis asked those in attendance to share their concerns about areas in town that could benefit from this project plan. There were maps of Ware on stands so the audience could see the current plans in mind for the town. Included were new side-

walks, sidewalk replacements and extensions, crossing improvements, traffic lights for crosswalks, and construction on Main Street. There are more plans for improved walking conditions to inspire and motivate people to go walking in town in a safe and able ways.

After showing the audience members the current project plans and areas of concern, Davis asked if there were other areas that need help that weren't mentioned. There were many concerns brought up during this time, most people were concerned about proper and safe crosswalks but there were a few points that hadn't been considered yet, including having all streetlights be ADA compliant for blind people, so that the crosswalk will beep and vibrate rather than just flash lights. Another concern expressed was the lack of visibility in areas around town. There are businesses and other areas that make it hard for drivers to see oncoming traffic, including apartment complexes where there is shrubbery and street parking on the left side of the road, making it hard to see oncoming cars.

The crosswalk next to Town Hall was also discussed by those in attendance, saying that it's a hazard and unsafe as it is now. The way the road is constructed with a turn lane next to a blind corner, there have been many cases of people getting hit or just barely getting out of the way of oncoming cars and large tractor trucks. Residents said changes to that intersection should be made for a safer turn lane or move the crosswalk further back to a safer location. Many people

in Town Hall use that crosswalk during work hours, and there can be cause for concern during busy times of the day. Davis and DeCourcey both wrote down the suggestions and concerns of the townspeople, and will try to include as many concerns as possible.

Most issues were already included in the current plan, as most residents were concerned about safe crossing and sidewalks for children and general passage through town. Davis said the funding and construction for these projects can not be used for projects on state-owned roads. This includes a portion of Route 9 and portions of Route 32, where there are a few projects that can be done on these sections so they will be included in the project plans in case the rules change. The next step for these plans is to prioritize the projects based on potential need and input from the community and town officials.

After this step is processed the next step will be to get project approval and a notice to proceed with construction. The prioritization plan should be completed by April 2020 to allow for an grant application by May 2020, and hopefully the receipt of about \$400,000 to do the work. Projects must be fully designed or require very little design in order to receive funding, Davis said.

These funds cannot be used to design the project and they must be used within one year and a construction season of receiving the grant money. The current step is to continue to get town officials' priorities and finish the prioritization plan.

## Quabbin Visitor Center announces Winter programs

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Visitor Center will explore the many dimensions of Quabbin Reservoir and will have programs on related topics including: "Regional Consequences of Global Warming" on Feb. 9, "Discovering the Other Lost Valley" on Feb. 16, "Quabbin Enters the Digital Age" on Feb. 23, "Voyagers, Visitors and Home" on March 1, "The National Ecological Observatory Network: Open Data to Understand How Our Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems Are Changing" on March 8, "Fabric, Factories and Fashion: A History of Textiles in the Quabbin Valley" on March 15, "Ticks and Tick-

Born Diseases in MA and Across the U.S." on March 22, and "Walk the Milky Way" on March 29 (7:30 p.m. with reservations required). Unless otherwise noted, the programs begin at 2 p.m.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the DCR Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the Center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come, first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221.

## Share the love of art on Feb. 15

WARE – Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area's favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art.

Bring your sweetheart and join us for a special Valentine-themed artists' reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be

served.

The artists' work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to workshop13.org/gallery, call 413-277-6069 or email artworks@workshop13.org.

## Scout ice fishing derby to be held Feb. 2

WEST BROOKFIELD – West Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 118 will hold its 44th annual Memorial Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 7:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., on Lake Wickaboag. If there is no ice then it will be held on Feb. 16.

Tickets are \$1 and are available from any Scout. It entitles each entrant to register a fish and participate in door prize drawing. Door prizes have been donated by local businesses and groups.

The prizes are for adults, four \$50 prizes - largest pickerel, bass, perch and pout. The prizes for youth under 15 are first, second and third place trophies in each category of pickerel, bass, perch and pout.

Awards and door prize drawings will be at 3 p.m.

Derby proceeds help pay for Scouts to attend summer camp at Treasure Valley Scout Camp.

This event held in memory of Mark Cook, Peter Coulthard, J. Irving England, Michael Higgins and Dick Shepardson.

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EDITORIAL

Don't leave furry friends in the cold

While Mother Nature has surely been wishy-washy with the weather this winter, it's imperative we don't forget about our four-legged furry friends when it comes to their seasonal needs.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has offered tips to help pet owners ensure they are being responsible caregivers during these chilly winter months in New England.

First, do not leave your pet outdoors when temperatures drop below freezing. You wouldn't want to be out there — why would the dog?

They need outdoor exercise, but take care not to keep them outdoors for lengthy periods of time during very cold weather. You may have a "cold-weather" breed of dog, but each pet is an individual, and those that live their lives mostly indoors need time to adapt to cold temperatures by building up a thicker coat and toughening their footpads for ice and snow.

Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.

Many dogs need boots in cold weather, regardless of their coat length. If your dog frequently lifts up its paws, whines or stops during walks, it may be demonstrating its feet are uncomfortably cold.

Boots can help protect from another winter hazard: road salt. If your pet walks on salted or chemically treated areas, be sure to wash its paws after your walk. Gently rub the bottom of the feet to remove these irritants as soon as your dog is off the road.

Other big dangers of the winter months are antifreeze and de-icing chemicals. Many types of antifreeze have a sweet taste that can attract animals, but if they ingest the chemical it may prove to be fatal. Always store antifreeze out of reach and clean up spills.

Speaking of cars, if you park outdoors, be sure to make sure there are no animals seeking warmth and shelter inside your car engine. Warm automobile engines are dangerous for cats and small wildlife. To avoid injuring hiding animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them off before starting your engine.

Keep pets on a leash when walking near suspected frozen bodies of water like lakes or ponds. The ice may not be sturdy enough to support its weight. If a pet falls through the ice, do not attempt to rescue it yourself; call 911 or go for help.

If your pet does stay outside during the winter months, be mindful of wind-chill. Outdoor dogs need a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow it to both sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to retain body heat.

The floor should be elevated a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The entrance of the doghouse should be turned to face away from prevailing winds, and the entrance should be covered with a flap of heavy waterproof fabric or heavy plastic.

But the best place for them is really inside with you, enjoying the warmth of the house.

Garden with the seasons for an unbeatable display

PART ONE

How often have you visited an outdoor museum, amusement park or resort and felt inspired by the gardens or container plantings used to adorn the property? Chances are you may have even used an especially delightful display as a backdrop for a family photo or two. Tourist attractions such as these put "their best foot forward" each season of the year to awe their customers with spectacular combinations of unique plants, so that no matter when the visit is planned, the guest leaves with the feeling something special was done in their honor.

We can treat our home gardens in a similar fashion. Why not? Certainly we deserve to have exceptional plantings, for our own enjoyment and for the "wow-factor" they will elicit from our friends. So instead of utilizing border plantings that provide only glimpses of color in the spring, summer and fall, devote entire beds to the showiest plants available for the time of year and change them with the

seasons.

These types of gardens don't have to be very large, but they do have to be situated for optimal effect. Think "location, location, location!" If you have a long driveway, consider placing a "welcome garden" just as you turn down the path. Since it will be viewed from a distance, and from a single vantage point, make the bed more wide than narrow, and raise the height of the soil in the back of the bed a bit for a multidimensional appearance. Utilize large, bold flowers, bright colors and strong foliage forms; these will capture the eye en

route.

Which door do you or guests normally use to enter and exit the house? Plant a small garden nearby, one that can be admired up close, each time you pass by it. Here, the intricacies of color and form can be fully appreciated, whereas in the garden out front they would be lost. Experiment with a variety of flower and foliage shapes and color schemes. Don't be afraid to

use delicate or small flowers, or those that are mottled or two-tone. Likewise, variegated and cut-leaf foliage can make for interesting inspection if properly paired with surrounding plants. Similar beds or container plantings can be planned for patio or pool-side, or for other areas within the landscape that might be suitable for entertaining. Simply tailor the gardens to the timeframe in which these locations are used most often, and choose your plants accordingly.

Next week we will go through each season: spring, summer and fall in preparation for a fantastic display. With just a little forethought you can have a garden that mimics those of your favorite destination.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Roberta McQuaid

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

We took benefits early; can we get more now?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** My birth year is 1947. My wife's is 1950. We both took our Social Security years ago at age 62 due to health concerns because we questioned if we would live to age 78 to equalize the extra payout if we would have waited to age 66. Taking early at 62 may have been a mistake and I am wondering if there are any options available to maximize my and/or my wife's monthly payment with a restricted application or any other available options? My gross monthly is \$946.60, and my wife's is \$543.60 before the deduction for Medicare. Together our gross monthly is about equal to the per person individual average monthly payment of \$1,479. Signed: *Regretful we took SS early.*

**Dear Regretful:** I'm afraid the options for either you or your wife increasing your benefit at this point are extremely limited. You cannot file the restricted application you mentioned because that can only be done by someone applying for the first time (and who was born before 1/2/1954), and only by someone who has not yet reached age 70. Neither can you suspend your benefits to earn delayed retirement credits because DRCs are only earned up to age 70. Your wife has a very small window until she reaches 70 in March during which she could suspend her benefits, and by doing so immediately she could perhaps earn, at most, an additional 1 percent in DRCs (about \$5 more per month). That leaves only two other things which could increase your benefits: 1) Annual Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) granted each year depending upon inflation, and 2) returning to work and having substantial current earnings which may replace the earnings in a lower-earning year in your lifetime work record (Social Security uses the



highest earning 35 years over your lifetime to compute your benefit amount).

If you have some years in that 35-year history with no or very low earnings, working now could replace one or more of those years. I have no way of determining whether that is a possibility; you would need to get your lifetime earnings record from Social Security and see if that is possible by examining your earnings for each year over your lifetime. But remember, all early years of earnings are adjusted for inflation, so for example, \$10,000 earned in 1990 would be equal to about \$25,000 in today's dollars, and you'd need to earn more than the higher amount to have any effect on your benefit.

I wish I had better news for you, but the unfortunate reality is that once someone claims their Social Security benefits, the amount is quite fixed. Although it's possible to withdraw an application within 12 months of initial filing, and it's also possible to suspend benefits once FRA is reached, neither

of those is available to you. And your wife only has a very short window to suspend her benefits, which will reach maximum when she reaches 70 in March. So, except for the COLA increases and returning to work options I've discussed above, I'm afraid you have no other opportunity to increase your Social Security benefit amounts.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

IN MY BACKYARD

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a western tanager in Sandwich on Cape Cod. The male in summer is yellow with a black back, wings and tail. It has two wing bars, one yellow and one white, with a red head. The redhead is absent in fall and winter. The male in winter plumage has an olive head and back and yellow breast, belly and rump. The wings and tail are black. The female is similar to the winter male and has a yellowish eye line. The immature and fall western tanager has a "saddle-backed" look with a grayish olive back, which contrasts with its paler head and rump. It is about seven inches long.

The western tanager's range is western North America, but it is a casual visitor from south Canada to Louisiana and Florida where it is rare, but more regular in the winter. Most western tanagers winter in Central America.

Central Massachusetts sightings

The Massachusetts Audubon Society received sightings of birds in Central Massachusetts. They included three northern pintails at Hager Pond in Marlborough and 31 greater scaups, three lesser scaups, four com-

mon loons and three red-breasted mergansers at Wachusett Reservoir. Coes Pond had six fish crows and Elm Park Pond, both in Worcester, had two fish crows. There were four yellow-rumped warblers at River Bend Farm in Uxbridge.

Western Massachusetts sightings

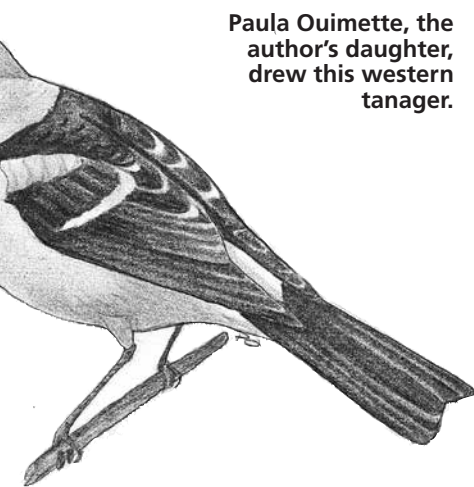
Sightings listed in Western Massachusetts were: three ring-necked ducks along the River Road bike path in Agawam, a common goldeneye in Sheffield and Lenox, a red-breasted merganser in Ware, a red-necked grebe at Quabbin Park in Ware and a short-eared owl and red-headed woodpecker in Hadley.

New bird feeder

I received a bird feeder for Christmas. My grandson James noticed that it was on a hook. He asked me if the black bear would take down the feeder. I said the bears were in hibernation now so the feeder was safe.

Birds at the feeders

I continue to have a lot of tufted titmice, black-capped chickadees, dark-eyed juncos, downy woodpeckers, blue jays, white-breast-



Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this western tanager.

ed nuthatches, cardinal and red-bellied woodpeckers. The other day I also saw one American goldfinch.

People may report a bird sighting or bird-related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505 or emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com).

By Ellenor Downer

BRUSH AN' FLOSS

By Lou Scungio  
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# Special needs dog needs special owner

EAST BROOKFIELD – Rocco came to Second Chance Animal Services last summer. He was emaciated and initially presented as a clumsy young dog. When Second Chance veterinarians examined him, it was clear that something more was going on.

Rocco is neurologic. He stumbles and falls often, and he has decreased feeling in his limbs. Second Chance sent him to a neurologist who believes that he has something going on in his brain. At this time, it does not appear to be progressive which is good for Rocco's sake because he is a very happy dog.

Dr. Jackie Celmer, a Second Chance veterinarian charged with overseeing shelter pets, is hoping Rocco will soon find a home. “He will need a home that understands his special needs,” she said. “He will have a very hard time going up and down stairs and long walks may be challenging for him since he tends to tire out quickly, but he just loves people and will bring a lot of joy to his lucky owner.”

Rocco has thrived under the care of Second Chance and is now at a healthy weight for his pit mix frame. He has a very sensitive



Turley Publications courtesy photo  
**Rocco, a pit bull mix with neurological issues, needs a forever home. He is at Second Chance's East Brookfield adoption center.**

stomach, so he is on a special diet which he loves.

Interested adopters can meet Rocco at the Second Chance Adoption Center, 111 Young Road, during adoption hours: Monday through Friday from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org) or call 508-867-5525.

# Nomination papers available

WARREN / WEST BROOKFIELD – Town Clerks of Warren, Nancy J. Lowell, and West Brookfield, Sarah J. Allen, announced nomination papers are available on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, for the annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 5.

Office hours to pick the papers

are as follows: In Warren on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, from 1 to 6 p.m., and in West Brookfield on Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Quaboag Regional School

Committee nomination papers will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Quaboag Regional/Middle High School Superintendent's Office, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. School Committee positions open are two members from Warren and two members from West Brookfield for three-year terms.

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of messages – “Be careful how you act, if it doesn't matter to you, it matters to someone who loves you...anyone can drink in basements...not everyone can walk away...being you is enough...that's an amazing strength to have...”

“I think it shares an important way for everyone to think about youth (and adult) substance use, asking why?” said Nekr Jenkins, chairperson of Q-Drug when asked to comment about the film. “Why does any child feel that they need substances of any kind to get through their day? We need to really stop and think about how we as adults are supporting healthy stress management and build bonds so all the kids in our lives feel that it is okay to admit when they aren't feeling okay and might need extra support.”

After a robo call went out to over 1,000 people in the Quabbin school district sharing the information about the two opportunities to view the free movie with a brief discussion afterward, approximately 30 people, a mix of adults and high school students, attended the Friday night showing.

“I always hope there will be more people in attendance for any event we have,” said Jenkins. “But I also think for those 30 people it was important, and I hope it opened some new conversations that might not have happened otherwise.”

During the film, Herren shared tough stories about students he had come across who confessed to him their battles with self-esteem, encounters with violence and troubles at home.

Herren also mentioned challenges he faced at home as a teen and the terrible “First Day” he consumed alcohol under-age, all while his mother – as he described “his biggest fan” didn't have a clue.

“My mom came home early from work that day,” Herren recalled. “She wanted a hug, but I ran away. I didn't want my mom to smell beer on her little boy's breath.”

Quabbin high school sophomore Isabelle Mertzic attended the Friday night movie with her mother and a friend.

“It was very heartwarming and touching, you never know what people are going through,” Mertzic said about the film and added she thought more people should take the time to see the movie. “It revealed the pain that addiction brings that many high-schoolers may not understand.”

**“The early teen years are hard and we want to be able to share support for parents as they navigate those years with their children.”**

NEKR JENKINS  
Q-Drug Chairperson

Parent and Quabbin educator Melinda Dennis was impressed by the entire evening.

“As I watched the movie, I wished I brought my children with me,” Dennis said. “I feel that today's youth feel they are an isolated population, that their parents don't understand them. The movie showed students that other students and adults empathize.”

Dennis also agreed with Mertzic and thought it was a worthwhile program for all young people.

“I feel this information would be good for the students in the district to see,” said Dennis. “It may help those students who feel alone to get help instead of turning to drugs and alcohol. Addiction can happen to anyone, regardless of the upbringing, socio economic status or education. Unfortunately, most families become aware of addiction after the fact. Why not tackle it before kids are presented with these types of issues?”

In previous years, a week in January was typically the time when Purple for Prevention, sponsored by Q-Drug, was held. After years of freezing in the cold, this

year the event is planned from March 2 through the 8.

“This is a week of education, awareness and celebration of those who are making healthy life choices,” commented Jenkins. “We will have educational events, as well as decorating the towns in purple to raise awareness and show our community support for substance free lifestyles.”

One of the reasons “The First Day” was offered on a night coinciding with a middle school dance, was to get the parents to stay and meet other parents.

“It is our hope to begin offering opportunities for parents of middle-school students,” said Jenkins, who has the hope they would learn new information that could help them support their children. “The early teen years are hard and we want to be able to share support for parents as they navigate those years with their children.”

Overall, Jenkins is encouraged the movie sends a message of hope.

“There are no bad people,” said Jenkins. “Those who are struggling need support and love, but they are not bad. Those who are making healthy choices, they should be proud. But both of these groups are in this together, and they can help each other.”

If people are looking for immediate help – for teens there is the Crisis Textline, available 24/7 at 741-741. Mass Recovery Hotline – 1-800-327-5050 or <https://help.linema.org/>, with the app “Stigma Free Worcester.” And for local Q-Drug information or help – email [Quabbin.drug@gmail.com](mailto:Quabbin.drug@gmail.com) or private message the facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/QuabbinDrugResponse/>.



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**North Brookfield Senior Center Director Diane Nichols, left, and Brookfields Rotary President Lynn Duffy-O'Shea with some of the coats collected so far for the “Coat Closet” project of the center.**

# Rotary assists winter coat drive

NORTH BROOKFIELD – As part of its Community Outreach Initiative, the Brookfields Rotary Club collected and donated warm coats to the North Brookfield Senior Center in December.

During these cold winter months, the Center is collecting new and gently-used coats for the “Coat Closet” project of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Southbridge. The Center will continue to accept

donations through February.

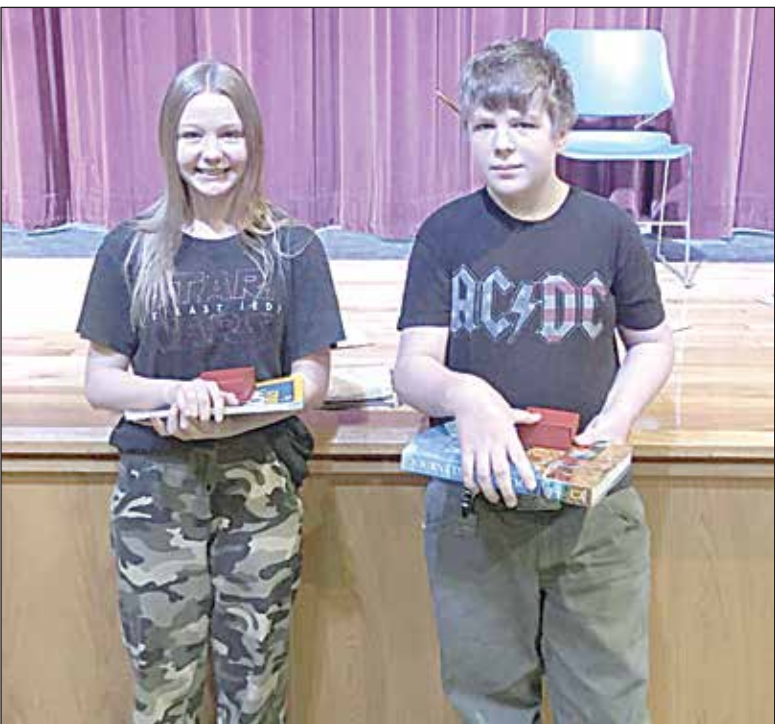
For more information about the club's service activities and schedule, visit its website at [www.brookfieldsrotary.org](http://www.brookfieldsrotary.org).

# Jacob Kozyra wins Quaboag Geography Bee 2020

WARREN – Quaboag Regional Middle High School seventh-grader Jacob Kozyra was the winner of Quaboag's 24th annual Geography Bee. The Geography Bee, held each January at Quaboag by the social studies department, is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Kozyra was one of 20 seventh and eighth-graders to participate on stage, orally answering geography questions in front of their classmates, teachers and parents. After seven rounds of questioning Jacob Kozyra and eighth-grader Aurora Powers were the two championship-round contestants.

In the Championship round it was the best out of three questions and Kozyra edged out Powers to claim the title as Quaboag's 2020 Geo Bee Champion. He will now take an online exam to see if he qualifies for the state Geo Bee. Winners from the state Geo Bee compete at the national Geo Bee in Washington D.C.



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**Quaboag Regional Middle High School seventh-grader Jacob Kozyra, left, was the winner of the school's annual Geography Bee. Eighth-grader Aurora Powers competed with Kozyra in the championship round.**

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The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid's IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Municipalities that have rights-of-way scheduled for herbicide treatments in 2020:

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Municipalities that have rights-of-way that were treated in 2019 but may require some touch-up work in 2020:

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Treatment Periods		
January 27, 2020 – May 29, 2020	May 29, 2020 - Oct 16, 2020	Oct 16, 2020 – Dec 31, 2020
CST	Foliar	CST
Basal	CST	Basal
Dormant Stem	Basal	Dormant Stem
	Cut stubble	

Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours, Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-4:00 pm):  
Mariclaire Rigby, National Grid, 939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01610.  
Telephone: (508) 860-6282 or email: [mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com](mailto:mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com)

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when, where and why in the submission, preferably written in the third person unless it is a first person letter to the editor or guest column.

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- Publicity chairpersons are encouraged to send in news about upcoming fund-raising or other calendar events at least three weeks before they take place.

We will respond to all email messages received.

If you don't have e-mail, please mail these materials to:

**80 Main Street, Ware MA 01082**



# Ware nomination papers available

WARE – Town Clerk Nancy Talbot has announced that the last date to obtain and submit nomination papers is Monday, Feb. 24. All incumbents (listed as follows) have been notified of their term expirations.

The following peoples’ terms are up:

Board of Selectmen, John Carroll and Tracy Opalinski. Carroll announced at the Jan. 7 selectmen’s meeting he will not seek re-election after serving for nine years; School Committee, Aaron Sawabi;

Board of Assessors, Theodore Balicki; Board of Health, John Desmond, Park Commissioner, William Imbier; Cemetery Commissioner, Ryan Maslak; Planning Board, Frederick Urban and Ware Housing Authority, Henrietta Devlin

The following offices will appear on the Annual Town Election Ballot:

Board of Selectmen, three-year terms, two positions open; School Committee, three-year term, one position open; Board of Assessors, three-year-term, one position open; Board of Health three-year term, one position open; Park Commissioner, three-year term, one position open; Cemetery Commissioner, three-year-term, one position open; Planning Board, five-year term, one position open and Ware Housing Authority five-year term, with one position open.

**Rep. Berthiaume chief of staff lists office hours**

REGION – State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume’s chief of staff, Donna Farmer, invites constituents and town officials to meet her to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. People may contact her at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Her schedule includes:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 4** at the Oakham Senior Center from 9 to 9:45 a.m., at New Braintree Town Hall from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and at North Brookfield Senior Center from 11 a.m. to noon.
- **Thursday, Feb. 6** at the Hubbardston Senior Center from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and at the Barre Senior Center from 11 a.m. to noon.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 11** at the Ware Senior Center from 10 to 10:45 a.m., at the Hardwick Municipal Building in Gilbertville from 11 to 11:45 a.m. and at the West Brookfield Senior Center from noon-12:45 p.m.
- **Thursday, Feb. 13** at the Brookfield Town Hall from 10 to 10:45 a.m., at the East Brookfield- Senior Center from 11 to 11:45 a.m. and at Howe Village in Spencer from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

# St. Aloysius Catholic School offers scholarships for 2020/2021 school year

GILBERTVILLE – A benefactor of St. Aloysius Catholic School has pledged \$35,000 in matching funds towards the school’s 2020/2021 scholarship drive, \$5,000 more the amount offered last year. “This benefactor visited the school recently and is so happy that we are here, providing a local option for a Catholic education. He hopes that even more families will be able to enroll their children; reducing tuition is a big motivator for parents,” said Roberta McQuaid, the school’s director. “There is much excitement over the recent addition of another classroom for our youngest students. We now have distinct preschool and pre-kindergarten classrooms, which offer developmentally appropriate learning experiences for our 3 and 4-year-olds. We are also providing experiential learning experiences for our oldest students. Each week they spend an afternoon in Ware at Workshop13, where they are thoroughly engaged

in various art classes.”

Last year the school raised slightly more than its goal of \$30,000. With matching funds, a total of \$60,435 was divided equitably to reduce tuitions by \$1,000 for each full-price student.

“Our goal would be to maintain, if not increase this discount. Currently, with the scholarship, it costs \$2,800 a year for a family’s first student in grades K-8, with a discount for siblings and a premium for the five-day preschool program. This equates to as low as \$20 per day,” said McQuaid.

Father Richard A. Lembo, pastor, is grateful to everyone who supported last year’s scholarship drive and hopes even more people will contribute this time around. “The future you are providing for these students through their education includes a foundation for their Catholic Faith life. We know that faith in God helps support and sustain students through their entire life.”

St. Aloysius Catholic School’s unique mission includes operating in a family-centered environment that provides faith formation, innovative academics, and a commitment to the local community. The school serves students in preschool through grade 8.

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax-deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Scholarship Fund, please visit [www.staloy-siuscatholicsschool.com](http://www.staloy-siuscatholicsschool.com). Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line. Donations to the Scholarship Fund received prior to March 15 will help reduce tuition rates for the upcoming school year.

For more information email McQuaid at [rmcquaid@staloy-siuscatholicsschool.com](mailto:rmcquaid@staloy-siuscatholicsschool.com) or call the school at 413-477-1268.

## HITCHCOCK FREE ACADEMY’S SCHEDULE

### Monday, Feb. 10

REMINDER: Students can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org).

**FAMILY FOUNDATION 5:** Free pre-schooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9 to 11 a.m.; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at [union61@tantasqua.org](mailto:union61@tantasqua.org).

**WEIGHT WATCHERS:** Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit [www.weight-watchers.com](http://www.weight-watchers.com) to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

**SEN-I JUDO CLUB:** 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

**YOGA:** 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. This 90-minute Hatha Yoga practice will relax and rejuvenate with guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

### Tuesday, Feb. 11

**ART GROUP:** 9 to 11:30 a.m. Students should bring their own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

**PILATES:** 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. A perfect class for those who wish to unwind right after work. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen.

**PILATES:** 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. A great way to start an evening. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen.

**LET’S CAKE DECORATE – ROSETTE CAKE:** 6 to 8 p.m. Ages 8 and up are welcome.

Come, have fun and leave with a decorated cake while learning or practicing detailed decorating skills. All supplies included. Instructor: Sue Gaulin. Fee: \$57.

### Wednesday, Feb. 12

**WATERCOLOR:** 9:30 a.m. to noon. For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call 413.245.3295.

**FAMILY FOUNDATION 5:** Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Music and movement: 9 to 10 a.m.

**MOVING MUSCLE:** 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Muscle conditioning exercises using light hand weights. This class will use a series of squats, lunges and varying arm exercises for an overall body workout. All levels are welcome. Instructor: Karen Larsen; Fee: \$50 for eight classes.

**BUDDIES DOG TRAINING:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (six classes) A dog-training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work.

**YOGA FOR BEGINNERS:** 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Explore foundational postures, breathing practices, and easy meditation techniques as well as posture modifications if more/less challenges are needed. Instructor: Sharon Palmer, M. Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Instructor.

**POP (Plenty of Possibilities Series) WHICH WAY IS UP?** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone has times that they are so stressed they don’t know which way is up. This session focuses on different tools and skills to help manage stress. Fee: \$15.

### Thursday, Feb. 13

**FAMILY FOUNDATION 5:** Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Thursday: STEAM Experiments 9 to 10:30 a.m. Bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at [union61@tantasqua.org](mailto:union61@tantasqua.org).

**VIOLIN LESSONS:** 2 to 5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels.

**SEN-I JUDO CLUB:** 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

**FENCING:** 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.

**K9 NOSEWORK® 7 to 8:30 p.m.** This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (six classes) Fee: \$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work.

### Friday, Feb. 14

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 15

**K9 NOSEWORK® 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (Six classes). Fee: \$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work.

More information about Hitchcock Free Academy, located at 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield, can be found at [www.hitchcock-academy.org](http://www.hitchcock-academy.org) or call 413-245-9977 for more information.

# Meeting in March on new highway exit numbers

SPRINGFIELD — State transportation officials have scheduled additional meetings about the planned switch to mileage-based exit numbers on major highways.

After a first round of sessions was held in December, there will be at least one additional Western Massachusetts date this spring. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Room 220 of City Hall, 36 Court St., Springfield. All are invited to learn more about the project and ask questions in person.

The conversion, planned to begin this summer, will affect most highways with exit numbers in Massachusetts, including Interstates 84, 90, 91, 190, 290 and 395, and the expressway portions of state routes such as Route 2.

For example, on the Massachusetts Turnpike, rather than running from Exit 1 in West Stockbridge to Exit 26 at Logan

Airport, mileage-based exit numbers will start at 3 and end at 137.

The former exit 8 in Palmer will become Exit 63 and the former exit 9 in Sturbridge will become Exit 78.

A handful of short expressways with closely spaced exits, including Interstates 291 and 391 in the Springfield area, will not see their numbers change.

The switch will bring most highways in Massachusetts, one of the last states in the country to number its exits sequentially, into compliance with 2009 federal standards. The project is expected to cost \$2.8 million, statewide, of which 90 percent will be paid by a federal grant. MassDOT officials have said if the exit numbers are not changed by 2022, Massachusetts could have its federal highway aid withheld.

MassDOT also plans to schedule additional meetings this spring and summer. For more information about the project, visit [www.NewMassExits.com](http://www.NewMassExits.com).

# East-West Passenger Rail Study public meeting, Feb. 12

SPRINGFIELD – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is inviting the public to a meeting on the East-West Passenger Rail Study on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. , at the UMass Center at Springfield, in classroom 014 of Tower Square, 1500 Main St.

Please join MassDOT at the second public meeting on the East-West Passenger Rail Study. The study is examining the costs, benefits and investments necessary to implement a range of passenger rail service alternatives from Boston to Springfield and Pittsfield, up to and including high speed rail. The goal of the meeting is to:

- Inform attendees about the study’s analysis of six preliminary alternatives for improving connectivity and mobility in the East-West Corridor
- Gather feedback from attendees

about the six preliminary alternatives and what they would like to see in the three final rail service alternatives that will be analyzed further

The meeting will begin with a presentation at 6 p.m., following by time for questions and answers.

If attendees want to park in the Tower Square garage, parking will be validated at \$5 per car. Meeting attendees can park on all levels, but are encouraged to park on Level A.

Please visit the website to learn more: [www.mass.gov/east-west-passenger-rail-study](http://www.mass.gov/east-west-passenger-rail-study).

For those who cannot attend the public meeting, all meeting materials will be posted online and feedback will be accepted via email.

For study questions or comments, please email MassDOT Project Manager Makaela Niles at [Makaela.Niles@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Makaela.Niles@dot.state.ma.us).

# Auditions announced for Disney’s ‘Beauty and the Beast’

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College’s Theatre at the Mount (TAM), 444 Green St., announces auditions for the children’s musical Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast Jr.” Director Emily Smith, music director Debbie Moylan and choreographer Bryan Landgren are looking for a large ensemble of children and teens (age 8 - 18) with singing, dancing and acting ability.

Auditions will be held by appointment only on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. for ages 8-12 and 1 p.m. for ages 13-18. To schedule an appointment, people may call the Theatre at the Mount Box office at 978-630-9388, or email an appointment request to [box-office@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:box-office@mwcc.mass.edu). Auditions will be

held in room 182.

Auditions will consist of singing and dancing auditions. Vocal selection and dance combination will both be taught at the audition. Some performers will also be asked to do cold-readings from the script.

Performances of “Beauty and the Beast” are April 7, 8 and 9, at 9:30 a.m., and at noon; April 10, at 9:30 a.m. (for school groups); April 5, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; April 10, at 7 p.m. (for the general public.) Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sunday afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 11.

For more information, people may contact Professor Gail Steele at 978-630-9162 or visit the Theatre at the Mount website at [www.mwcc.edu/tam](http://www.mwcc.edu/tam).

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- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience
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The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills. They must also be able to manage a staff writer, including copy editing and guiding coverage. The editor is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other companywide publications.

This is a job for a self-starter who has a vision for growing and connecting with our valued readers, and who enjoys community journalism.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience
- Willingness to mentor a staff writer and correspondents
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Editing experience and ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Proficiency in Associated Press style
- Management experience and/or experience managing content for a print publication.


Please email resume and three writing samples directly to Eileen Kennedy Managing Editor at [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).




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Help make comfort quilts

NORTH BROOKFIELD –The public is invited to participate in the Comfort Quilts Service Project on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints,

108 New Braintree Road., which is 2.2 miles north of the center of North Brookfield.

Over the last several years several hundred Comfort Quilts have been made and donated to local police, fire, and EMT departments for use by car crash, fire or other disaster victims. The quilts offer comfort and warmth at the scene of any type of distressing upheaval and provide a particularly vital sense of safety and solace for children involved in traumatic situations.

Community members are invited to join us as we put together even more comfort quilts. The task requires no particular skill, just a warm heart, an hour or two, and a smile. Refreshments are served to keep stomachs happy as we enjoy each other's company and put together comfort quilts. For more information, call 508-867-9962.

Students invited to participate in 'Great Outdoors Contest'

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The TurfMutt Foundation recently announced “The (Really) Great Outdoors Contest 2020,” focused on urging children to use their imaginations around the many uses and benefits of green space and the outdoors. Open to students in grades 6 to 8, last year's contest drew more than 2,700 submissions from middle school youth.

Created in partnership with Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company, the contest encourages students to write about or draw a nature space their community could use. Students are also asked to include text to describe the space, discuss what elements are needed, and how their space will be used to benefit the community. Each entry can be no more than three pages total.

“We mean it when we say nature starts at your back door. Introducing kids to the outdoors is good for them and good for all of us,” Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, said. “Family yards, school yards and parks are part of a vast ecosystem that supports all of us. The contest helps the next generation envision how

people-wherever they may live-can spend time outside.”

Ten thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded through the contest. The grand prize for a student is \$2,500, with teachers and the school each receiving a \$750 prize. The first place student will receive \$2,000 and the teacher and the school will each receive \$500. The second place student will receive \$1,500 and the teacher and the school will each receive \$250. The third place student will receive \$750 and the teacher and the school will each receive \$125.

Teachers may download lesson plans and contest entry information from [www.scholastic.com/turfmutt](http://www.scholastic.com/turfmutt). Entries will be accepted online and may be uploaded by teachers or mailed in by teachers or students alike. Entries are due by March 16.

Last year's winning entries are available online for viewing.

The program's educational materials are free and support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) standards for grades K-8. The TurfMutt environmental education program, funded and managed by OPEI's Research and Education Foundation, has reached 70 million students, teachers and families since 2009.

STCC to offer certified auto damage appraisal course

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College will offer a certified auto damage appraisal course for insurance claims professionals and auto body technicians beginning Feb. 4.

The 60-hour course is the first step to becoming an auto damage appraiser in Massachusetts. The training through STCC's Workforce Development Center prepares students for the exam to be a licensed appraiser.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., through April 9.

Approved by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance, the training offers an in-depth discussion of insurance regulations, policy arbitration and work completion forms.

The instructor has more than 40 years' experience in the collision repair and insurance industry in Massachusetts and Connecticut and holds auto appraiser licenses in both states.

The course will include the use of flat rate manual, collision diagnosis, cost estimation and preparation of written estimates.

To become licensed, students will need to complete the course and a three-month apprenticeship with a

licensed Massachusetts automobile appraiser. In addition, they will need to obtain a certified letter verifying the apprenticeship. The apprenticeship must be completed prior to applying to take the Massachusetts Automobile Damage Appraisers License Examination.

For more information and to enroll online, visit [www.stcc.edu/autoappraisal](http://www.stcc.edu/autoappraisal). To contact the Workforce Development Center Office, call 413-755-4225.

Founded in 1967 and located on 35 acres of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, STCC is a major resource for the economic vitality of Western Massachusetts. As the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC offers a variety of career programs unequalled in the state. STCC's highly regarded transfer programs in business, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, liberal arts, and STEM fields continue to provide the most affordable options for students pursuing a four-year degree. With an annual enrollment of about 7,000 day, evening, weekend, and online students, STCC is a vibrant campus rich in diversity.

For more information about STCC, visit [www.stcc.edu](http://www.stcc.edu).

Come sing with the Quaboag Choral Society

WEST BROOKFIELD – Director/Conductor Eric von Bleicken, of the Quaboag Choral Society, is inviting people to come sing with the group. He is welcoming new chorus members and would like to extend an invitation to any individuals who enjoy participating in a choral group setting to share in making music with us. Just a teaser: this season will highlight musical theater favorites.

Rehearsals began on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m., and will continue weekly at the West Brookfield First Congregational Church for its Spring Concert Series.

QCS is a well-established community choral group and has been offering quality creative concerts for more than 10 years. Its concerts are unique as it combines a scripted educational component threading the musical choices together while painting an emotional picture that sets the scene for each musical choice.

Anyone interested may email [evdadders@charter.net](mailto:evdadders@charter.net) or can message the on our Quaboag Choral Society Facebook page.

QCS is a nonprofit and its programs are sponsored in part by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and generous donors.

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tion effort about using substances and driving, and the danger it poses to students and the communities.

Also, the survey showed that 80 percent of eighth-graders, 72 percent of 10th-graders and 54 percent of 12th-graders said they had not vaped in the 30 days prior to the survey. Vaping is the use of electronic cigarettes which uses a juice that is heated up and then inhaled. Jenkins said virtually all vape juice contains nicotine, and it is not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

“The good news is that vaping is not done by the majority of students,” said Jenkins.

Bullying, depression

Perhaps the most concerning results of the survey was about the frequency of depression, suicidal thoughts and self harm.

“These are tough numbers to look at,” said Jenkins.

In the past year 46.7 percent of students in eighth grade reported they have felt depressed or sad most days, with 40.4 percent of 10th-graders and 46.1 percent of 12th-graders feeling the same. The



Those attending the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance meeting Monday at Baystate Mary Lane heard the results of the 2019 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey of eighth, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders use of substances, and their perceptions of use by their fellow students.

number for considering suicide in the past year showed 18.9 percent of eighth-graders had as had 15.3 of 10th-graders and 20.2 of 12th-graders.

Students who reported self-harm, such as cutting themselves, showed 21.6 of eighth-grad-

ers doing so as well as 15.2 of 10th-graders and 16.8 of 12th-graders.

Also, 45.6 percent of eighth-graders reported feeling they are no good at all sometimes, along with 41.9 percent of 10th-graders and 44.9 percent of 12th-graders.

When asked if they had been bullied within the last 12 months, 28.3 said they had been, and when bullying did happen it most frequently happened online, at 12.4 percent, or in the school hallways, at 11.1 percent.

Gramarossa and Jenkins said

there would be future discussions around those results.

The Alliance plans to post the survey results online at [www.qhsua.org](http://www.qhsua.org). Those with questions can contact Jenkins at [njenkins@townof-ware.com](mailto:njenkins@townof-ware.com) or 413-544-4386.

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great-grandfather, Noah Napoleon St. George served as the group's head in 1938, and Iadarola's father, Louis Iadarola, was also a member.

The club will be launching a membership drive in April because the group is always looking for additional members, but also because it is down to 10 members who work on its many projects.

“We've started calling ourselves the “Magnificent 10,” said Iadarola with a smile. “But we need new members.”

“We need new blood,” said Kathy Deschamps. The club is probably best known for its annual work on the Holiday Flair in Ware, which includes the parade the night after Thanksgiving, the arrival of Santa and an opportunity for children to meet Santa. It also

puts up the Christmas decorations along Main Street, including the large tree in Veteran's Park, buying new decorations and repairing the existing ones.

But that is just the tip of its community service iceberg. It also gives out Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, scholarships to Ware seniors, runs book drives for the Ware School Literacy Team, provides yearly donations to the Trinity Episcopal Church's Jubilee Cupboard and Diaper Ministry, helps man the Boy Scout Food Drive and provides the banquet for Ware and Palmer football teams when the game is in Ware.

It also runs a drive to provide Christmas presents and winter clothing to Ware children through the Ware schools, provides a cookout and Christmas Party for Valley View residents, helps hand out food at Hillside Village Apartments, provides

assistance during disasters, administers Community Chest funds and provides one-time donations such as two-way radios and Wifi at the Ware schools.

“Rotary has changed over the years,” Iadarola said. Instead of meeting weekly, it now meets twice a month, and members also spend 12 hours a month working on community service.

“Taking the time to give something back as a show of thanks for our good fortune is an important part of our lives,” said Deschamps, who described being part of the club as very fulfilling. She said meeting with people who also want to make the town better on important projects makes members feel good about their community, particularly as they see projects come together.

“We would like to see more young people join to keep the

Rotary Club growing, but we would also like to see retirees who may now have more time to give back,” Deschamps said.

They will also beginning a corporate membership, which lets multiple people at a company be members but they take turns attending meetings and working on projects.

They are also proud of the four \$500 scholarships given to high school seniors and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, which provides leadership training to a rising high school senior. Some of the students chosen for the RYLA have gone on to participate in national training provided by the Rotary Club International. They have also had a youth exchange between young people in Ware and its counterpart, Ware, England, although there hasn't been an exchange since 2008, which they hope to see

revived as well.

For Iadarola, Rotary has provided a way to leverage his own community service with others to get more done. “The organization is well structured and guides you to be more effective together,” he said.

“I not only get to help out our community, but I get to be a part of Rotary's international work on eliminating polio, providing programs around the world for clean water, providing shelter and improving literacy,” Deschamps said.

The club is inviting potential new members to attend one of their dinner meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at 6 p.m., at Ye Olde Tavern in West Brookfield. For more information contact Deschamps at [Kate3754@aol.com](mailto:Kate3754@aol.com) or at 413-967-5187, or Iadarola at 413-967-3939.

REWARD FOR LOST CAT

Jackie a tortoiseshell cat from Ware, was lost behind the Wickaboag Animal Hospital at 138 West Main St. There is a \$500 reward for its return. Please call 413-967-4223 if the cat is sighted.



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# Free Meditation Satsang at The Centered Place this Friday

WARREN – The Centered Place yoga studio in Warren is hosting a free Meditation Satsang taught by Swami Sahajananda, Friday evening, Jan. 31, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Swami Sahajananda lives in a yoga retreat and training center in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, and teaches internationally. “Satsang” is a Sanskrit word meaning “gathering together to be with the truth, to experience your inherent divinity.”

This free program includes instruction in meditation as well as a discourse on the principles of spiritual life and practice. Attendees will learn the wisdom of the great sages of yesterday and how to apply their insights for living today. The program includes a few minutes of chanting as well as a meditation. These practices make it easy to open and become aware of the source of joy within, and to integrate what is learned into one’s life.

Please register by calling 413 436-7374 or email [info@thecenteredplace.com](mailto:info@thecenteredplace.com).



Adeline Ford’s portrait for The Memory Project.

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other children receiving portraits, which helped motivate her to create the two portraits she completed. “They were so excited,” she said.

Ford agreed, saying it was amazing to watch the children get so excited to receive the portraits. “That’s their personal portrait,” she said, adding that they probably did not have a lot of their own possessions.

“They were running around saying, ‘look at mine, look at mine,’” she said.

“It made me really happy to paint these portraits,” said Clowes.

In all 34 portraits were created and will be sent back to the orphanage, Hansen said. Afterward Quaboag students will receive a video showing the children receiving them.

“We’re really looking forward to that,” she said.



ABOVE: Quaboag Regional Middle School art students took part in Memory Project for the first time this school year. An orphanage in Pakistan provided photos of its charges and students created their portraits. Left is senior Adeline Ford and right is freshman Phoebe Clowes.



RIGHT: Phoebe Clowes created two projects for The Memory Project.

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“The gala was a great success,” added Judy Edington, President of FOSC. “I am always taken by the good spirit and warmth of the group that attend. This event, along with our annual appeal are our two biggest fundraisers each year.”

Anyone roaming through the Gilbertville section of Hardwick would be likely to notice the grand stone church towering in the center of the village. Since 2015, the small group that formed and



Looking like a hip 50s biker, organist Peter Krasinski is all smiles at the 5th annual Dinner and Auction for the Friends of The Stone Church.

established themselves as FOSC has subsequently grown, closing in on a 600-person strong mailing list and always keeping their mission the same, “to preserve the fabric and grounds of the Trinitarian Congregational Church and to facilitate its use by, and service to, the community.”

Over the last several years, after careful examination of the priority of the needs of the church to make it structurally sound and through grants with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, several phases of the restoration have been completed, including construction for structural reinforcement of the walls of the stone tower.

“Joseph Gnazzo Company will do critical masonry repairs to the next 30 feet of tower above the base, following the initial 30 feet of the base that was just repaired during the Phase One work on the tower by the same contractor,” said Edington. “The estimated budget of this work is \$68,500, \$30,000 of this amount is covered by a Preservation Project Grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, leaving \$38,500 to be raised.”

According to FOSC board member and architect Phil Warbasse, set-up for the next phase of the renovation is projected to begin this April.

“A stone building of this quality and age (the church was built in the 1870s) needs not only exterior maintenance and repairs, but

also site work, handicap-accessible modifications outside and inside, cosmetic work – plaster repairs and paint,” said Warbasse. “Some grant sources require that the building first be accessible, so there’s a sequence to prioritize.”

Those attending last Saturday night’s festivities were definitely in the generous spirit, bidding on approximately 170 silent and live auction items, including numerous gift certificates donated by local businesses and pieces of personal collections donated by FOSC supporters.

Larger items were saved for the live auction after dinner, hosted by local celebrity Ron Newton, who enticed people to place bids on artwork, a one-year membership to the Baglio Sports and Fitness Center, located at and donated by Eagle Hill School in Hardwick, a Chatham retreat donated by Ellen Burnham and a Nantucket cottage holiday, donated by Aline and Charles Lemaitre.

“We were very pleased with the auction items,” said event chair and FOSC board member Paula Roberts, who knew she wanted to be involved with the organization, due to her interest in preserving historical buildings. “I certainly think the night was a success. We’ve been planning the event for the last six months.”

Along with Roberts, new board members Clare Hendra and Judy Knight shared chairing duties, with the additional help of Aline



Friends of The Stone Church Vice President Cheryl Wolfe was excited to receive a special gavel, as an appreciation gift for her time overseeing meetings throughout the year.

Lemaitre, Mary Warbasse and Cheryl Wolfe.

“As we got closer to the event, our volunteers expanded to 20 or so,” said Roberts. “FOSC is a group that is very hard working and dedicated to preserving the church. I like working alongside people who belong to a board and everyone has the goal in mind and works toward that goal.”



Turley Publications correspondent photos by Karen A. Lewis  
Friends of The Stone Church president Judy Edington, far right, offers thanks and presents flowers to the volunteer chairs, left to right, Paula Roberts, Clare Hendra and Judy Knight of the gala event.

The months of planning certainly paid off, as guests enjoyed an evening of music by disc jockey Rick Hendra, catching up with friends, dining on good food, doing a little shopping, all while supporting a worthwhile cause.

“We’ve been coming the last few years with our friends,” said Lynn Baker from Monson, escorted by her husband Russ, looking as if both were teleported from the 50s time period given their spot-on outfits.

Although the final net proceeds were still being organized, Edington was pleased with the generosity of all and shared suggestions for those who may have the desire to become involved with FOSC.

“There are lots of ways people can support our work,” Edington said. “This can take the form of volunteering at events, or if one has a particular skill, helping with building maintenance. During the Hardwick Fair, we welcome volunteers to help at our booth and in the warm months we also have occasional workdays focused on both the inside and outside of the church; lots of ways to help and become involved. The volunteer board is a working board and meets between once and twice a month.”

Upcoming FOSC events include, “Americana – Songs We Love” on Sunday, March 29, fea-



Favorite Ron Newton entertains the crowd and handles the bidding during the live auction at the Friends of The Stone Church event last Saturday night at Hartman’s Herb Farm.

turing vocalist Maria Ferrante and Ivan Gusev on piano, and Peter Edwin Krasinski on organ accompanying the viewing of the silent film, “Peter Pan” on Friday, April 18.

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# SPORTS

## Statewide tournament proposal coming down to final vote

*Editor's note: This is the first of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, it's effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.*

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

FRANKLIN — A major proposal is coming to a final vote, which could change the way

Massachusetts high school sports competes in postseason.

Depending on the outcome of a vote scheduled to be held at a special assembly meeting on Feb. 28, there could be major changes made to the tournament format. If the proposal is passed, all four sectional (North, South, Central, West) tournaments would be eliminated and replaced by a statewide tournament.

New divisional alignments for all sports are part of the proposal.

A majority vote by the 380 member schools will be needed in order for the proposal to pass.

The members of the MIAA's Tournament Management Committee held a press conference at the MIAA office in Franklin on Jan. 9 to discuss the new proposal, which they've been working on since 2016.

"I'm all about history. I love traditions," said Westborough High School athletic director Johanna DiCarlo, a member of

the TMC. "I also think it's time to move this a little bit forward. We can create something here, an incredible opportunity for the association to change the way we're doing business and create something special for our kids and our communities."

The other members of the TMC, who attended the press conference, were former Saint John's Prep (Danvers) Athletic Director James O'Leary, MIAA liaison Sherry Bryant,

and Burlington High School Athletic Director Shaun Hart. No representatives from Western Massachusetts at the press conference.

A few weeks ago, the MIAA Board of Directors voted 14-3 in favor of holding a vote for the new statewide tournament at a site to be determined on Feb. 28.

If the new tournament plan is approved, it would start in the fall of 2021.

The TMC plan calls for many

sports to be divided into five divisions. Tennis, field hockey, lacrosse will have four divisions. Boys ice hockey will have three, while girls ice hockey and boys volleyball will have two. Just like the current tournament format, each high school will be put into a division based on their enrollment.

The football tournament is still up in the air at the moment. The

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## Cougars best Indians in matchup of Ware coaches

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARREN – Dan Orszulak guided the Ware boys varsity basketball team to the Western Massachusetts Division 3 semifinals in 2000 and 2002.

"We won the league title in 2002 and we also played in the Western Mass. Division 3 semifinals that season," Orszulak said. "Bill is probably the best shooter that I've ever coached. If he was playing high school basketball today where kids start playing at the varsity level in the eighth grade, he would most likely be a 1,000th point scorer."

The 2000 squad was a senior laden team and they lost in the semifinals at the historic Curry Hicks Cage located on the UMass-Amherst campus. The Indians also lost in the semifinals two years later.

"After we lost in the semifinals in my sophomore year, I really wanted to get back to the Cage again," Beauregard said. "We did get back there two years later and we were in the same exact locker room. I wish that we would've won one of those games, but it was just a great experience getting to play at the Cage."

Orszulak stopped coaching the Indians boys varsity hoop team in 2003. He was then the JV/assistant girls varsity coach at WHS under Bernie Dulak for 13 seasons before taking over as the head coach three years ago.

Beauregard, who had previously been the boys' varsity coach at Belchertown High School before taking a year off from coaching, replaced Cliff Lanier as the girls' varsity coach at Quaboag Regional three years ago.

"Bill has a lot of knowledge

about the game of basketball and he understands it very well," Orszulak said. "I knew when he was in high school he would be a very good coach someday."

Beauregard is the first player that Orszulak has coached to become a varsity basketball coach. Nate Orzech, who was a senior on the 2000 Indians team, used to be the varsity football coach at David Prouty. He's currently an assistant boys' varsity basketball coach at Tantasqua Regional under Scott Dion.

"I always want Bill's team to win every game except when they play against us," Orszulak said. "We've also scrimmaged against them during the past couple of years."

The Ware and Quaboag girls varsity basketball teams met in a regular season game for the first time in many years last Tuesday night, Jan. 21.

Beauregard and the Lady Cougars celebrated a 42-31 home victory on that night.

"This is a very big win for us and we played very well," Beauregard said. "Ware is a very good team and we were able to make enough plays in the end to pull out the victory. I hope we're able to play Ware every year now because it's a lot of fun playing a neighboring high school."

The two teams did face each other in the Western Mass. Division 4 tournament in 2014 and 2016.

The Lady Cougars pulled out a 46-33 win in the Western Mass. finals in 14. They also squeaked out a 46-43 semifinal victory two years later.

Kiarra Dorman, who's one of the two seniors listed on this year's Lady Cougars roster, played a key role as an eighth grader in the 2016 victory.



Audrey LaValley looks to pass to an open teammate.

"Kiarra is an amazing athlete," Beauregard said. "Basketball players like her don't come around very often."

Dorman, who's planning to attend Western New England University, scored a game-high 16 points in last Tuesday's victory against the Lady Indians.

Senior guard Addy Ford chipped in with six points in last Tuesday's win for the home team.

The victory improved Quaboag's overall season record to 7-5 and they also qualified for the Central Mass. Division 4 tournament with the help of the MIAA's Sullivan rule. They're 2-0 against

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Jullissa DeLeon drives to the paint.

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Chelsea Orszulak shoots a layup.



Aidyn Welsh brings the ball down court.



Sam St. Laurent reaches out for a shot.

## PIONEERS TAKE ON PVCA

PALMER – Last Friday night, the Pathfinder High School boys basketball team took to the court to face Pioneer Valley Christian Academy. Pathfinder is out to a 3-5 start this season and is hoping to make it back into the playoff hunt.



Nick Beaulieu fights to make a layup.



Alex Bealenon fades back and takes a shot.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

## Wrestlers struggling with dual meets

By Karen A. Lewis  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Little victories go a long way this season for the Quabbin varsity wrestling team, as they hosted a tri-meet last Wednesday and dropped to Marlboro (24-12) and Shepherd Hill (12-0).

"Our record in duals is not great, only having one tie with no wins," said Quabbin head coach Mike Adams. "We have to just keep working to get better. It will be hard to win duals either way with the amount of weight classes we don't have. Again, we just look to get better every day and improve."

Panther junior Tristan Kemp improved his personal record to close to 30 wins this season when he took down a Marlboro competitor in 48 seconds, wrestling in the heavyweight division.

"I thought I had a good match, I took the opportunities I saw on the mistakes he made," Kemp said



Quabbin's Tristan Kemp wrestles a Marlboro opponent.

Photo by Ray Duffy

about the Marlboro opponent, since Shepherd Hill didn't have anyone for him to wrestle in the heavyweight category. "Marlboro had some tough competition for the team. Overall, I feel as we are wrestling tougher teams, and we as a team are seeing a lot of improvement."

The only other Quabbin win of the night came in the 106 lb. weight category when Panther seventh grader Cole Wilson pinned a Marlboro opponent in 31 seconds.

"Cole is new and gaining experience," Adams said. "He has put

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## Quabbin boys a win away from tourney

By Karen A. Lewis  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Working hard and not taking anything for granted – just one of the reasons the Quabbin boys varsity basketball team has continued to find success, as they defeated Hudson last Tuesday night at home 57-47.

"We played well as a team, we had good team defense and we moved the ball around in offense well," said Panther junior Shea Skowyra, who was one of four Quabbin players who earned double figures that evening.

As the leading scorer for the host team with 12, Skowyra also posted a "double-ruble" along with teammate Dylan Hoekstra (10 points) in the stat books – double figure points and double figure rebounds, each pulling down 10.

"That was quite an effort,

especially from Dylan as he is one of our point guards," Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextradeur said.

"My defense has been good this season, but I have mainly been trying to improve my offensive game and the team has been doing a great job in practice working on defensive strategies," said Hoekstra. "My teammates did a very good job at getting me open shots and I was able to make them."

The match with Hudson was the second for the two teams this season, the first on Dec. 18 on the road for the Panthers when they pulled out a commanding 72-43 win.

"They were much improved from the first time we played them by having the availability of a couple of players, particularly their center, which Shea had

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Ware High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
Thursday, Jan. 30	<b>Away</b>	Southwick	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 3	<b>Home</b>	Renaissance	7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
Friday, Jan. 31	<b>Away</b>	Mahar	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	<b>Home</b>	Southwick	7 p.m.

Quaboag Regional High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
Saturday, Feb. 1	<b>Home</b>	St. Mary's	2:30 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
Friday, Jan. 31	<b>Home</b>	Paulo Freire	6:30 p.m.

Quabbin Regional High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
Friday, Jan. 31	<b>Home</b>	Lunenburg	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 3	<b>Home</b>	St. Peter-Marian	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	<b>Home</b>	Shepherd Hill	7:30 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
Friday, Jan. 31	<b>Away</b>	Lunenburg	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 3	<b>Away</b>	St. Peter-Marian	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	<b>Home</b>	South	6 p.m.
<b>Wrestling</b>			
Saturday, Feb. 1	<b>Away</b>	Wayland	10 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	<b>Away</b>	Tyngsborough	6:30 p.m.

Pathfinder High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
Monday, Feb. 3	<b>Away</b>	PVCA	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	<b>Away</b>	Baystate Academy	6:30 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
Friday, Jan. 31	<b>Away</b>	Westfield Tech	6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 3	<b>Home</b>	Sci-Tech	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	<b>Away</b>	Renaissance	6 p.m.
<b>Wrestling</b>			
Tuesday, Feb. 4	<b>Home</b>	Duggan	7 p.m.

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ABOVE: A Red Sox entertainer on stilts performs with his ukulele for spectators. The stilt performers are normally milling around Fenway Park on game days.



Gabriella Gamsby, 3, throws a ball off a child-size mound. Her father, Mathias, helps her with her "pitching motion." Both are residents of Palmer.



Among the many activities for children at the event was consoles set up to play MLB '20, the Show.



SPRINGFIELD – Two weeks ago, the precursor to Spring Training came to the area as Springfield's MGM hosted Boston Red Sox Winter Weekend. Fans who attended the weekend had an opportunity to participate in many activities, meet former and current Red Sox players, and see memorabilia on display. There were also panel discussions, autograph sessions, and meet and greets. Of note, the Red Sox's four World Series trophies were on display. Fans could view and have their photograph taken with the trophies, won in 2004, 2007, 2013, and 2018. It was the first time the Winter Weekend has come to the region.



Various Red Sox players and TV personalities were in attendance. Here, a fan is photographed with Red Sox dugout correspondent Guerin Austin.

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football committee is trying to figure out if they want to play a seven-week regular season and have 32 teams qualify for the play-offs in each division or play eight weeks and only have 16 teams in the playoffs.

"The Western and Central part of the state currently plays an eight-week regular season schedule, while Eastern Mass. only plays seven weeks," O'Leary said. "That's something the football committee still needs to figure out."

The seeding and pairings for the new statewide tournament will be handled by Maxpreps. The top 32 teams in each Division will be ranked by Maxpreps. Those 32 teams will also automatically qualify for the tournament. The other teams, who finish the regular season with at least a .500 record, will also be included in the postseason tournament.

"Power seeding will determine the 32 teams in each division," DiCarlo said. "Teams not seeded in the top 32, but meeting our 50 percent qualifying criteria will also be eligible for the tournament. That was the direct feedback from some of our colleagues that they did not want to lose that 50 percent qualifying standard that we have in our system. Those teams will play in the preliminary round."

The top four teams in each division will be put into four brackets as top-seeds, which is similar to the NCAA Men's basketball tournament.

Currently teams are able to qualify for the postseason tourna-

ment by using the Sullivan rule. They can also qualify by finishing first or second in their league standings. Those avenues will not be available under the new plan.

MaxPreps, which is owned by CBS Sports, is scheduled to take over rankings and seedings for tournaments beginning in 2020-2021.

Travel, especially on a school night, was one of the major issues discussed at the press conference.

"One superintendent said it best at one of our meetings. He said, 'I'll find the money to play a like-sized school rather than having to play a large opponent because they're prep,'" said O'Leary, who's the TMC chairman. "We are not really a big state when you look at other states and how they travel and what they do. I know during the regular season I see teams traveling a lot of places in some sports for an 8:20 game and they seem to get there."

This is what Hart said about teams having to travel across the state to play tournament games.

"It's not an every-day travel. It's a one-time deal, or it might be a two-time," he said. "We're talking about something and we're trying to make it bigger for the kids as well."

All of the tournament games will be held at the higher seeded schools until the state semifinal and finals, which will be held at neutral sites.

Even if the new state tournament plan is passed, there could still be a Western Mass. tournament in most sports during the final week of the regular season. Nothing has been finalized yet.

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Division 4 opponents having beaten North Brookfield in the season opener.

"It's nice to get into the tournament, but we just want to qualify with ten or more wins like every other team," Beauregard said. "We didn't even talk about it following the game."

Quaboag entered the past two postseason Central Mass. Division 4 tournaments with below .500 records.

Ware had a 7-4 overall record following the non-league loss.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Orszulak said. "We just need to start playing better. All of the teams remaining on our schedule are very good."

The Lady Indians took a 12-5 lead with three minutes left in the opening quarter following a lay-up by junior guard Olivia Vadnais, who scored seven of her nine points during the first half. Junior guard Aidyn Welsh also scored nine points for the visiting team.

The Lady Cougars took the lead for the first time at 13-12 with 35



Sydney Corfey looks left for an opening.

seconds left in the opening quarter when junior guard Sydney Corfey (6 points) buried a 3-pointer from the left side.

Quaboag outscored Ware, 9-5 in the second quarter and held a slim 22-19 halftime lead.

Junior center Madeline Nemeroff scored six of her eight



Madeline Nemeroff looks at the rim as she releases this jumper.

points during the third quarter, which helped the Lady Cougars build a double-digit lead.

"It was the best game that I've ever seen Madeline play. She was phenomenal tonight," Beauregard said. "She scored some big hoops in the second half and also blocked a couple of shots."



Victoria Morgan gets a good jump.

The Lady Indians, who closed the gap to 36-29 during the fourth quarter, will be looking for a little bit of revenge when they host the Lady Cougars at 2:30 on February 9. It'll also be a homecoming game for the Quaboag head coach.



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Quabbin's Kenny Stolgitis tries to find a position to give him the advantage to win.



Quabbin Panther Cole Wilson works to earn a pin over a Marlboro Panther.

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together some good performances; but has a lot to improve on this year and upcoming years."

Quabbin junior Kenny Stolgitis (120 lb.) put up an admirable fight, leading 4-3 after the first round against Marlboro, but unfortunately a minor slip would cost Stolgitis the pin 20 seconds into the second round.

"Kenny had a tough match against a wrestler who did very well last year," stated Adams. "It was a match Kenny should be in and potentially win. He just got caught during the match where he got out to his back and pinned."

"I think I should have won, I just made one silly mistake," added Stolgitis. "I tried to do a move, but I left my arms too wide open and he just took the opportunity and pinned me. He was strong and had some technique."

A pair of additional Quabbin wrestlers, Colton Wells (195 lb.) and Cole Austin (220 lb.) each putting in decent efforts but seeing pins, along with a 113 lb. forfeit pushed the Marlboro score to

24-12.

However, things looked bright when the Quabbin JV team had the chance to wrestle against Marlboro, with Ray Duffy and Wells earning pins and Wilson winning his match 12-8.

Closing out the evening to Shepherd Hill with the lack of weight classes on both teams only saw seventh grader Travis Wells (195 lb) and Austin competing and each falling to pins.

Adams is hopeful the annual Quabbin Youth Wrestling Camp will draw more young athletes to the sport, which could eventually eliminate the numerous vacancies in weights down the road.

"Grades two through six will have practices once a week in order to expose them to the sport and have fun," shared Adams. "Our numbers last year were between 30-40 kids every week and I am hoping to see the same. It is meant to be a place where they learn the sport and have fun. I am hoping it will translate to some of those kids coming out for the sport in middle school."



# T-Birds pick up win over Tigers before break

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (25-19-2-0) scored the final four goals of the night in knocking off the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (15-25-4-1) by a final score of 6-2 on Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center.

The first period was a shooting gallery from start for each of the Atlantic Division foes, but Jared Coreau in the Bridgeport net and Sam Montembeault in the T-Birds crease had answers for 16 shots each in the opening period.

Springfield had the only two special teams chances in the period, but the power play could not dent Coreau despite extended pressure on the man advantage.

The middle period finally cracked the goal-scoring seal, and a wild 20-minute session ensued, beginning with rookie Jake Massie beating Coreau from the high slot to give Springfield the 1-0 advantage at 7:12 of the period.

Just 2:01 later, the Sound Tigers tied the game under controversial circumstances. Bobo Carpenter intercepted a pass from Montembeault and fired it right back at the T-Birds netminder. A whistle sounded right as Cole Bardreau slipped the puck into the empty net, but the goal stood. T-Birds coach Geordie Kinnear got into a heated discussion with the officials, to which the crowd responded to an enormous roar.

From that point forward, the

T-Birds exerted their will. Owen Tippett recorded the first of three points as he turned the left-wing corner and snapped a shot underneath Coreau's legs to make it 2-1 at 12:32 of the period. Bridgeport would not go quietly, though, as Grant Hutton beat Montembeault on a long-range wrister at 17:00 to tie the game again, 2-2.

2:10 after that, with less than a minute to go in the period, Dryden Hunt carried the puck into the offensive zone on a 2-on-1 with Adam Rockwood, and after being stopped at first, he snapped a shot home from the bottom of the right circle to put Springfield up for good, 3-2 at 19:10.

After fending off an early Bridgeport push, the T-Birds powered to the finish line with a three-goal third period, beginning with a strike from Jack Rodewald off a turnover by Coreau at 4:00 to make it 4-2. Then 9 minutes later, Daniel Audette added to the lead, finding a soft spot in the high slot, and firing a turnaround wrister past Coreau to make it 5-2.

In the final minute, Aleksi Saarela iced the game with his 11th goal of the season off a set-up from Tippett. With the three-point night, Tippett heads to his first AHL All-Star Classic with 40 points in his first 46 games.

The Thunderbirds also climbed into the fourth position in the Atlantic Division heading into the All-Star break.

# Springfield Armory National Historic Site to be temporarily closed

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Armory National Historic Site visitor center and museum will be closed to visitors Feb. 3 through March 31. The closure will allow for the park to complete critical systems upgrades. The National Park Service has contracted the services of Gardner Construction & Industrial Services, Inc. to complete the \$1.6 million project.

Park officials have determined that the Springfield Armory museum will need to be closed temporarily to conduct the work. Kelly Fellner, superintendent of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site and Coltsville National Historical Park said, "We are excited to embark on this long awaited project to upgrade the Armory infrastructure systems and ensure the ongoing protection and preservation of the building, museum, and collections."

During the museum clo-

sure visitors will still be able to walk the historic grounds, which encompass Springfield Technical Community College. In addition, the park ranger staff is taking this opportunity to collaborate with the Springfield Museums and the Springfield Downtown Visitor Center to offer special programs about Springfield Armory. More information regarding programs and events will be posted at the website [www.nps.gov/spar](http://www.nps.gov/spar) or at [www.facebook.com/sparnhs](http://www.facebook.com/sparnhs).

Springfield Armory National Historic Site is the location of the nation's first armory (1794 – 1968) and was established by George Washington. The site includes historic grounds, buildings, and the world's largest historic American military firearms collection. For updates and further information call 413- 734-8551, check the website at [www.nps.gov/spar](http://www.nps.gov/spar) or go to [www.facebook.com/sparnhs](http://www.facebook.com/sparnhs).

# Points format announced for Modified Series

By Kyle Souza

SEEKONK – Tri-Track Open Modified Series officials announced on Wednesday the point standings structure that will be used for the 2020 season.

As part of six events, drivers will tally points in each feature. In 2020, the champion will be decided by taking the best five out of six point totals a driver receives. Drivers will no longer be required to attend all six events to score the championship, but with a drop race factored into the totals, the new format allows for a driver to have a miscue, while still being in contention for the title.

"This will give drivers a bit more of a buffer in case some-

thing goes wrong at one of the races," Wayne Darling, one of two Managing Partners of the Tri Track Open Modified Series, said. "This is just one of many announcements we will have over the next few months. We're looking forward to getting the season underway in May."

The entire point fund for the season totals \$15,000 in prize money, with the top 15 spots in the final standings set to earn a bonus.

The series also announced that registrations for the season are open and rules have been posted to the website. Teams can register and see rules by visiting the all-new Tri Track Open Modified Series website, [tritrackmods.com](http://tritrackmods.com), and visiting the team info page.

If race teams complete the registration for the full season between January 16 and March 31, the charge is just \$450 for six events.

Any full season registrations made after March 31 will be \$550. For those competitors interested in just registering for one event, the cost is \$150 per event. Teams can send registration payment to the Tri Track PayPal account, [info@tritrackmods.com](mailto:info@tritrackmods.com), through the website.

After just a few days, more than a handful of teams have already entered. Owner Stan Mertz has entered with Woody Pitkat set to return behind the wheel, while upcoming racers Ryan Doucette and Dylan Izzo are also on the list. Joey Cipriano, a regular in Stafford

Motor Speedway's SK Modified division joins them, along with others. The list is growing daily.

The 2020 schedule begins on Saturday, May 2, when drivers will take to the high banks of Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, N.H., to open the year. After that, a stop at Claremont Speedway on Memorial Day weekend (May 24), is followed by the annual Open Wheel Wednesday at Seekonk Speedway, the only mid-week show, on Wednesday, July 1. The final three races include the annual SBM 125 at Star Speedway (July 25), Monadnock Speedway (Aug. 15) and the annual Haunted Hundred at Seekonk Speedway (Oct. 24), where the champion will be crowned.

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to defend and did a superb job," commented Dextradeur.

After Quabbin jumped out to a 14-3 lead by the end of the first quarter, the Hawks came back and did a bit of role reversal with their 14 points to the Panther's seven in the second, closing the gap by four at the half (21-7 Quabbin).

The story shifted yet again after the break, with Quabbin performing their best in the third quarter, scoring 21 points to Hudson's 11, stretching their lead to 42-28 going into the final eight minutes of action.

A 14-3 Quabbin run from the end of the third into the fourth quarter, including four points from Hoekstra and eight points from Skowyra, gave Quabbin their largest advantage of the night at 50-29, with five minutes left to go in the game.

"I have put a lot of time in, on and off the court and I still have more work to do," Skowyra said when asked what attributed to his notable shooting game that night.

Although the fans in the stands would have thought the 21 point lead would have meant game over, the scrappy Hawks battled back, going on a 10-0 run of their own, with Hawk Jake Andrade pounding in two crucial treys, shifting the momentum a bit to the visitors.

"Our players understand the importance of focus and concentration," said Dextradeur. "Our expectation is that we play with spirit and not emotions, as emotion can dissipate and lead to a lack of concentration. Making the adjustments at the right time and communicating effectively are two key elements each of our players are striving to improve upon each game."

From no lack of trying, the closest the Hawks could get to the

Panthers was within eight points (53-45) with 1:13 left on the score board, which left them no other option than to start sending Quabbin players to the foul line.

"Hudson was a quick team, they had good defense and they are good at running a zone defense," said Skowyra. "All of us know when it comes down to the end, we have to keep the pressure on, we have to do what Coach Dex tells us to do and we need to focus because we are unable to make the little mistakes."

The seconds eventually ticked away on the clock, sending the visitors home with the 57-47 Panther victory.

"Max Leroux drained two 3-pointers in the first half to get us off to a terrific start and the early lead," Dextradeur said. "Brendan Whitelaw is becoming more consistent slashing to the basket, with results that are beneficial for our team. Dylan Hoekstra was our highest rated player, followed by Shea Skowyra and Connor Geary according to our HUDL analysis reports."

Leading game scoring for the night was Hudson's Colby Quest with 17. Paving the way for the Panthers after Skowyra's 12 were Hoekstra, Whitelaw and Geary each with 10 points.

Dextradeur also credited Leroux and Hoekstra for neutralizing their guards defensively, Geary and Whitelaw for teaming up to shut down their top perimeter scorer, Croix Jenkins for giving Hudson's leading scorer a difficult time and Skowyra for keeping Hudson's center Angel Strange to only nine points, when he had been averaging 13.

The win pushed Quabbin to 9-2 (4-1 Mid Wach C) while Hudson dropped 4-7 (1-3 Mid Wach C), with the Panthers only needing one more win to qualify for district action.



Panther sophomore Connor Geary moves fast to keep the ball inbound.



Quabbin senior Dylan Hoekstra gets a quick pass off to a teammate.



Photos by Karen A. Lewis  
Panther Dylan Hoekstra keeps the ball away from a Hudson opponent.

# Mass Farm Bureau sweeps awards of excellence

ARLBOROUGH – Staff, leadership and volunteers at the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation once again demonstrated their excellence as the organization made a clean sweep of the American Farm Bureau Federation's State Awards of Excellence. These annual awards are meant to recognize state Farm Bureaus that have gone above and beyond in their implementation and completion of projects in four program areas.

"The strength of Farm Bureau comes from our staff, leadership and membership base and these awards help to demonstrate that," said MFBF president Mark Amato. "For more than a decade, we have made a clean sweep of these awards and I am proud to see this continue. I'm already looking forward to a productive 2020, in which many of these programs will be continued and new projects will be undertaken to further our organization's goals and mission."

The programs areas include advocacy; membership value; leadership and business development; and engagement and outreach. To apply a state Farm Bureau must submit a written application that explains the programs in each of these areas that the organization implemented and completed during the past year. Measurement of results are also submitted and taken into consideration.

Below are examples of projects that MFBF submitted for consideration under each program area.

This year's application reviewed MFBF's successes this legislative session with a special focus composting, science-based pesticide regulations and labor regulation challenges.

This submission also included events, such as Agriculture Day at the Statehouse and Livestock On The Common, and an overview of the success MFBF has seen using an electronic platform to request written testimony from members

to be sent to Massachusetts legislature.

Under this category, the submission focused on membership recruitment and retention efforts, such as mailers and events.

It also focused on the use of electronic mediums, such as the organization's website, Facebook and Twitter, to recruit new members, as well as other strategies developed by MFBF's membership committee.

This application focused on educational courses and events, many of which focused on developing leadership abilities in farmer members as well as assisted them with new business management strategies.

Much of this application discussed projects undertaken by the state's Promotion and Education committee including membership webinars and success guides for county

Finally, it also discussed legislative events including Agriculture

Day at the Statehouse, Livestock on the Common and educational events, such as County Farm Bureau sponsored tractor rides.

These awards will be presented in January during American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting, which will be held in Austin, Texas. MFBF president Mark Amato will accept these awards on behalf of the organization.

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the Commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grassroots process. Its mission is "to protect the rights, encourage the growth, and be of service to its members, in the best interest of agriculture."

For more information about the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, people may visit [www.mfbf.net](http://www.mfbf.net).

# Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – Knitting for children in grades 2 to 12 and adults will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Saturdays, Feb. 2, 8 and 15 and March 7, 14 and 21. Children knitters meet from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and adults, any and all skill levels from 10:30 a.m. to noon. People must pre-register by calling 413- 477-6004.

Meet the author, Tracey L. Ryan, will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m., at the library.

Tracey Ryan of Hardwick will lead a discussion about the "Wicked Game of the Hunter" trilogy in the town where it all began. Signed copies of all three books will also be available for purchase.

Wednesdays a makerspace workshop will be held at 2 p.m. Participants will learn something new, hone a skill and challenge creative problem solving. People will enter with an idea and leave with a project. Tools will be shared. There are projects

for all ages. Participating in creative activities has been shown to improve cognitive skills and create a confident and optimistic attitude.

A needle-felting workshop for ages 12 and up with Heidi Jeldres will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. Participants will create a mini-sculpture character through needle felting, a process using barbed needles to interlock wool fibers. People may stop by the library or call 413-477-6704 to enroll.

Story and toys play group for infants, toddlers and preschoolers meets Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the library. It is a nice way to socialize with other caregivers and for children to meet new friends. The library has interactive toys, dollhouses, building blocks and plenty of books. Parents and/or caregivers may stop by the library, call 413-477-6704, email [director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:director.paigelibrary@gmail.com) or visit [www.paigelibrary.com](http://www.paigelibrary.com) for more information.

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public safety

Behind the Lines in Ware

By Melina Bourdeau  
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Two-car crash with injury

On Saturday, Jan. 18, around 6:45 p.m., a caller reported a two-car accident involving one injured man and one driverless car on North Street. One car was traveling southbound on North Street, when the driver slid on ice and was unable to stop, striking a parked car.

Officers went to speak with the injured man, who said he was reaching into the backseat of the parked car to get an ice scraper. He was standing outside of the car when he felt a large shove followed by loud bang and he was pushed into the door frame.

There were witnesses that confirmed what happened. The driver was charged accordingly.

Man transported after altercation

On Sunday, Jan. 19 around 4 p.m. a caller reported an altercation between two people in the parking lot of Hillside Village. As a result of the altercation there was one man on the ground bleeding. Ware police report the patient was conscious and alert at the time of the car but had a laceration on the side of his head.

Officers arrived on scene to find a group of people on the sidewalk and the injured man conscious and alert, bleeding and covering his face with a towel.

He had a large laceration on his face extending from his eyebrow to hairline. He told officers he slipped, fell and hit his head on the sidewalk.

Officers investigated and found there was a fight. According to a source, the injured man was at the location to pick up his wife, when a man came out and started to swing at him. Officers met with the suspect who said the injured man “poked his lip with a fork,” and had marks on his face. Moments later, he retracted his statement. The suspect then confirmed they were arguing, when he pushed the injured man several times until he fell and hit his head on the sidewalk. Witnesses said the injured man was unconscious for two minutes. The suspect was discovered to be the injured man’s brother-in-law. He was charged accordingly.

Man dumped from car

On Sunday, Jan. 19, around 8 p.m. a caller reported he was “dumped out a vehicle” and is now lying next to a mailbox on Upper Church Street. He advised he could not feel his arms or legs.

Ware police responded to the scene and found the man was cold and shivering. Officers moved the man into the police cruiser to warm him up and called an ambulance.

He reported he was out with a friend, and they went to McDonald’s to get food. When he came outside, his friend was gone. He attempted to contact his friend, but got no answer, so he started waking home. During this time,

a male party with a beard pulled over and offered to give him a ride. The bearded man was driving a red Ford Ranger. The victim said they drove for a couple minutes and he began to nod off in the car. He then woke up in the snow and called 911.

He was transported to Mary Lane and hospital staff reported they believed he had a seizure. Police followed up with the man and he said he still could not remember what happened.

Two-car accident

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, around 7 p.m., a caller reported a two-car accident at the intersection of North and Pleasant streets, and said there were injuries. One vehicle was traveling southbound on North Street when the other vehicle, which was at the stop sign on Pleasant Street, proceeded into the intersection. The vehicle on North Street had two people inside it. The other vehicle had one occupant and was found at fault for the accident. Three people were injured in the accident and were all transported to Mary Lane after sustaining minor injuries.

Police raise \$600 for skating lights

Ware Police officers participated in a fundraiser where officers were allowed to have a goatee for the month of February. The department raised \$600 which is being used to keep the lights on all night at Memorial Field for ice skating, which began January.

Hardwick Police Log

<b>Monday, Jan. 13</b> 3:34 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Petersham Road – Written Warning	4:03 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Arrest(s) Made 8:22 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Lower Road – Services Rendered
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 14</b> 10:44 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Petersham Road – Citation Issued 12:20 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued	<b>Friday, Jan. 17</b> 11:36 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Arrest(s) Made
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 15</b> 8:09 a.m. 911 – Animal Call Hardwick Pond Road – Dispatch Handled 8:29 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 9:40 p.m. Initiated – Snow Ban/ Parking Violation Church Street – Citation Issued	<b>Saturday, Jan. 18</b> 9:27 a.m. 911 – 911 Misdial Main Street – Spoken To 10:27 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Vehicle Towed 11:22 a.m. Initiated – Larceny/ Theft/Shoplifting Main Street – Investigated
<b>Thursday, Jan. 16</b> 10:09 a.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Mechanic Street – Transported to Hospital	<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b> 4:07 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 4:27 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road –

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Summons Issued  
  
**Monday, Jan. 20**  
1:16 a.m. 911 – Welfare Check Church Lane – Transported to Hospital

New Braintree Police Log

<b>Monday, Jan. 13</b> 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Complaint Hardwick Road – Negative Contact	<b>Friday, Jan. 17</b> 3:23 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued 5:25 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued 5:34 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued 6:24 p.m. 911 – Fire, Chimney Gilbertville Road – Extinguished 8:33 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Wine Road –
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 14</b> 3:08 p.m. 911 – Elevator Calls/ Alarm Memorial Drive – No Action Required	
<b>Thursday, Jan. 16</b> 11:41 a.m. Phone – 911 Misdial Barre Road – Spoken To	

Written Warning  
9:28 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency West Road – Transported to Hospital  
  
**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
12:01 a.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call North Brookfield Road – Spoken To  
2:07 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Written Warning

Ware Police Log

<b>Thursday, Jan. 16</b> 10:06 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered 10:06 a.m. Abandoned 911Call, South Street – Services Rendered 11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning 1:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Citation Issued 4:46 p.m. Assist Other Agency North Street – Investigated, Report Filed 5:19 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 7:40 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Main Street – Services Rendered	3:31 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency 4:15 p.m. Accident, Vehicle William Street – Services Rendered
<b>Friday, Jan. 17</b> 2:01 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Pulaski Street – Citation Issued 2:12 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Castle Street – Citation Issued 6:09 a.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street – Referred to Other Agency 6:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning 7:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning 8:43 a.m. Vandalism Otis Avenue – Services Rendered 10:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning 1:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning 1:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning 1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Citation Issued 1:55 p.m. Alarm Burglar Fisherdick Road – Services Rendered 2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Citation Issued 3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning	<b>Saturday, Jan. 18</b> 2:02 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Parker Street – Citation Issued 2:41 a.m. Parking Complaint North Street – Citation Issued 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning 1:37 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning 2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning 5:50 p.m. Officer Wanted North Street – Investigated, Report Filed 6:07 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 6:20 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Doane Road – Area Searched Negative Find 6:33 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Old Belchertown Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 6:45 p.m. Accident, Vehicle North Street – Criminal Complaint Issued 7:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b> 4:21 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 9:53 a.m. Fire, Report Belchertown Road – Services Rendered 10:05 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered 4:08 p.m. Disturbance Hillside Village – Investigated, Report Filed 8:07 p.m. Ambulance Request Upper Church Street – Services Rendered 9:36 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Babcock Tavern Road – Services Rendered	10:24 p.m. Investigation East Street – Investigated, Report Filed

<b>Monday, Jan. 20</b> 1:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued 2:45 a.m. Ambulance Request Lynnwood Road – Referred to Other Agency 8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued 8:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued 8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued 9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued 9:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued 9:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued 11:49 a.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered 2:44 p.m. Fraud North Street – Services Rendered
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Ware Arrests

By Melina Bourdeau  
Correspondent

WARE – From Thursday, Jan. 16 through Thursday, Jan. 23, Ware police arrested three people.  
Kylee Pelletier-Compton, 20, of 135 North St., Ware, was arrested on Saturday, Jan. 18, on a warrant.  
Landis Adams, 36, of 51 Monson Turnpike Road, Ware, was arrested on Saturday, Jan. 18, on a warrant.  
Salina Bortolussi, 27, of 1126 South Main St., Palmer, was arrested on Saturday, Jan. 18, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Baystate Medical Center to hold free ‘Heart & Vascular Health’ lecture series

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Medical Center will hold its popular free Heart & Vascular Health Lecture Series during the month of February, beginning on Feb. 2 with interventional cardiologist Dr. Amir Lotfi of the hospital’s Heart & Vascular Program.  
Dr. Lotfi’s session, “Watchman and CTO: Advances in Care for the Treatments of Atrial Fibrillation and Complete Total Occlusion,” will provide an update on how scientific advances are allowing for alternative treatment for AFib and complete coronary artery occlusion.  
The Heart & Vascular Health Lecture Series, presented by the Baystate Heart & Vascular Program as part of American Heart Month, will focus on presentations designed by Baystate Medical Center physicians to inform those attending on the latest advances in heart and vascular care and how they can maintain or improve their heart and vascular

health.  
All lectures will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Baystate Health Education Center, 361 Whitney Ave., Holyoke.  
The free lectures continue of Feb. 9 with heart failure specialist Dr. Leeor Jaffe of Baystate’s Heart & Vascular Program, who will present “CardioMEMS and Heart Failure: Latest Technology To Improve Care for Patients with Heart Failure.” Dr. Jaffe will discuss heart failure and the implications of a weakened heart, and will provide an update in technology, including a simple device that can detect concerns before symptoms arise.  
Vascular surgeon Dr. Yiming Avery Ching of Baystate Vascular Services will present “PAD and Carotid Disease: Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Best Therapies for Vascular Disease” on Feb. 16. His presentation will focus on symptoms and when to seek treatment for peripheral arterial disease and

disease of the carotid artery. Those attending will learn about the most effective treatment available to improve symptoms and minimize other health risks.  
The series will conclude on Feb. 23 with “Heart Disease Hot Topics: Vaping, E-Cigarettes, Marijuana and Alcohol – Harmless or Destructive? What Patients with Heart Disease Need To Know.” The session will be led by preventive cardiologist Dr. Quinn Pack of Baystate’s Heart & Vascular Program.  
Heart healthy light refreshments will be served at the lectures and educational handouts on heart and vascular health will be provided. Parking is free and registration is required for each session by visiting baystatehealth.org/events, or calling 413-794-5200.  
To learn more about Baystate Medical Center’s life-saving cardiac capabilities, visit www.baystatehealth.org/bhvp.

USDA announces sign-up period for conservation stewardship program

AMHERST -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the next deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year 2020 is Mar. 20. USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service plans to invest up to \$725 million nationwide for new enrollments and contract extensions in fiscal year 2020.  
“CSP continues to be a very effective tool for private landowners working to achieve their conservation and management goals,” said Dan Wright, NRCS Massachusetts state conservationist. “It is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled.”  
While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office

by Mar. 20, to ensure their applications are considered for 2020 funding.  
The 2018 Farm Bill made several changes to this critical conservation program, which helps agricultural producers take the conservation activities on their farm to the next level. NRCS is authorized to accept new CSP enrollments from now until 2023. Some important improvements to the program include:  
NRCS now enrolls eligible, high ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres. For fiscal 2020, NRCS can spend up to \$725 million in the program, which covers part of the cost for producers implementing new conservation activities and maintaining their existing activities.  
Higher payment rates are now available for certain conservation activities, including cover crops and resource conserving crop rotations.

CSP now provides specific support for organic and transitioning to organic production activities, and a special grassland conservation initiative for certain producers who have maintained cropland base acres.  
CSP is offered through continuous sign-ups. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a tribe.  
For more information and to apply, contact your local USDA-NRCS office:  
-Hadley field office – 413-585-1000, ext 3, serving Hampden and Hampshire counties  
-Holden field office – 508-829-4477, ext 3, serving Worcester County

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# Statewide student essay competition commemorates Mayflower anniversary

BOSTON — Four hundred years ago, the Mayflower landed on the shores of what would later be known as Massachusetts, forever changing the course of history of four nations: the U.S., England, the Netherlands and the Wampanoag.

American Ancestors — also known as New England Historic Genealogical Society — a national family history organization headquartered in Boston and one of the groups leading activities to commemorate the quadricentennial of the landing of the Mayflower, has announced a statewide student competition in Massachusetts to honor the story of the Pilgrims and of the native Wampanoag people.

The 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest asks students to explore how this 400-year-old history relates to our national, familial and personal stories and identities.

Open to students currently enrolled in grades 5–12 in public, private and parochial schools,

and those in home-study programs across the Bay State, the contest asks participants to address one of three topics: How is the story of the Mayflower still relevant today?; How does your family’s journey to America compare to the journey of the Pilgrims in 1620?; and as a native student, what does your tribal history mean to you?

American Ancestor’s Director of Education Geneva Morse described the statewide competition as an opportunity to honor the story of the Pilgrims and of the native Wampanoag people.

“Their stories, collectively and individually, embody the triumphs and tragedies of life in early New England and in the country itself. These stories are still relevant today,” Morse said.

“Involving some of the youngest minds in a process of reflection upon this historic event will lead to new insights and understanding for historians of all ages. We’re delighted to offer an opportunity

for Massachusetts students to interpret and express the significance of the Mayflower voyage in their own words. We have no doubt that it will be revealing for many of us,” she added.

A panel of judges will announce winners of the 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest in early August. Cash prizes will be awarded to six winners; three winners will be selected from grades 5–8 and receive \$500 each and another three winners will be selected from grades 9–12 and receive \$750 each. All winners will be invited to present part of their essay at special events in Boston commemorating the Mayflower’s 400th year anniversary.

The deadline for essay submissions is June 10. Submission guidelines may be found at [mayflower.americanancestors.org/essay-contest](http://mayflower.americanancestors.org/essay-contest), the Mayflower companion website of American Ancestors.

## John “Jack” Arsenault

B A L D W I N , MARYLAND — John “Jack” Arsenault, son of the late Frank and Edna (Allard) Arsenault, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at the age of 79.



He was the loving husband of Susan Arsenault for 57 years. Beloved father of David Arsenault and his wife, Evelyn, Alan Arsenault and his wife, Anne-Marie; cherished grandfather of Alexandra, Matthew, Christina, Sarah and Aidan Arsenault. Devoted brother of Janet Stanley, Bev Flamand, Tom and Bill Arsenault and Dee Frederick. He also leaves many extended family and friends.

Jack attended King’s Point Merchant Marine Academy in New York upon graduation from Ware High School in 1958. He enjoyed a long and successful career with Honeywell. Jack’s memorial service was celebrated at St. John’s Church in Phoenix, Maryland, on Jan. 18. Anyone wishing to share a memory can do so at [dignitymemorial.com](http://dignitymemorial.com).

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## Death notices

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St. John’s Church, Phoenix, Maryland

## Pope Francis Prep receives \$2M gift

SPRINGFIELD — Pope Francis Preparatory School recently announced a \$2 million gift from an anonymous alumnus. The gift, one of the largest single gifts received in the history of Pope Francis Prep and their legacy schools, Cathedral High School and Holyoke Catholic High School, will support the school’s operational budget and is unrestricted, allowing Pope Francis Prep to direct the funds to its highest priorities and areas of impact.

“We are honored and deeply grateful to this donor for such generosity,” said Head of School,

Dr. Paul Harrington. “A gift of this magnitude is transformative for Pope Francis Prep. To provide our school with such a generous gift, demonstrates this donor’s confidence in Catholic education and our potential for even greater positive impact on students’ lives and of those they will affect in the future.”

The unrestricted gift will be the founding donation for the Pope Francis Preparatory School Legacy Fund and will be maintained in an investment account owned by Pope Francis Preparatory School and managed by Merrill Lynch.

## Treasurer Goldberg warns of Lottery scam text messages

BOSTON — Illegitimate text messages are being sent claiming to be from the Massachusetts State Lottery. The texts say, “Hi this is Kim with the MA Lottery. Please reply when you get a chance. I have some great news.” According to Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, these texts are a scam and have not been sent by the Lottery.

“It has come to our attention that text messages claiming to be from the Massachusetts State Lottery have been sent to residents across the state,” said State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. “Our goal is to ensure that no Massachusetts citizen is taken

advantage of as part of this scam.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer’s office at 617-367-6900.

## Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbins leads worship

NEW BRAINTREE — The Tri-Parish Community Church welcomes back Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbins to preach at the

Congregational Church in New Braintree on Sunday, Feb. 2. Worship service and fellowship begin at 10 a.m. All are welcome.



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The Tri-Parish Community Church represents the communities of Gilbertville, Hardwick, and New Braintree. Our service will begin at 10:00. Bible Study begins on 9/13 at 8:15 am - 9:30am. Choir Rehearsals are at 9am and Sunday School returns on 9/13 at 10:00 am. We are worshipping at The First Universalist Church of Hardwick, 9 Ruggles Hill Rd. Hardwick through December.

All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.

Change of Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - noon. Heidi Jeldres, Administrative Assistant. (508)867-3306 tri-parish@verizon.net.

Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor’s office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. [debashes@aol.com](mailto:debashes@aol.com) or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

The mission of the Tri-Parish Community Church is service to God by working together as a church to alleviate suffering and to foster hope, love and the word of Jesus Christ among our family and neighbors here and throughout the world.

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PRE-BID ACCESS may be arranged with Warbasse Associates, LLC. BIDS DUE by **6:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 18, 2020.**

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Warbasse

Associates, LLC, 485 East Hill Road, Oakham, MA 01068, or emailed to WarbasseLLC@aol.com on the BID FORM. BIDS will be evaluated on the basis of price, previous experience with similar types of work to historic buildings, ability to perform the work in a timely manner, and references. 1/30, 2/06/2020

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Jason Ellithorpe, Sr.** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for FPF Wholesale, a division of Stearns Lending, Inc., dated August 26, 2010 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 10281, Page 216, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for FPF Wholesale, a division of Stearns Lending, Incorporated, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, recorded on August 31, 2012, in Book No. 11029, at Page 100 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on February 25, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 140 Eagle Street, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: the land together with the buildings thereon situated on Eagle Street in said Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts being bounded and described as follows: The land hereby conveyed is designated as Lot Fifteen on a Plat of land entitled, "Mountain View Plat". The plan of said Plat being drawn by W.H. and H.W. Brainerd Engineers. Said Plan dated April 1925, and on record in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan

Book 8, Page 30, to which reference is made or a more particular description. BEING the same premises as conveyed to the grantor herein by deed of Herbert L. Foley and Lynne A. Foley by deed dated February 16, 2005 and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 8169, Page 305. For title reference see deed in Book 8634 / Page 252. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 8634, Page 252. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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### Town Of Ware Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board SP-2020-01

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 at 7:05 PM** on the application of Greenwich Road Realty, LLC, for an extension of Special Permit (SP-2019-01) for an earth removal operation under Section 4.8.5, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA.

**SITE LOCATION: Greenwich Road, Ware, MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 10396, Page 108. Said property is also listed on Assessor's Map 35, Lot 12-1. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

A complete copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning and Community Development Department or the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**WARE PLANNING BOARD**  
**Richard Starodoj,**  
Chairman

1/30, 2/06/2020

### Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaws, Sections 3.2.6.1 -3 and 5.2 will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:45PM at

the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA.

This Hearing is regarding the application for Site Plan Approval by Old Greenwich Plains Road Solar c/o Melink Solar Development for a large ground mounted solar facility on 33.92 acres on Old Greenwich Plains Road, Map 91 lot 21 owned by Joel Harder. All interested parties are asked to attend.

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1/23, 1/30/2020

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By: **James M. Regin**  
1/30, 2/06, 2/13/2020

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 24 Berkshire Circle, Ware, Massachusetts

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **John Wellman and Debra Legrand-Wellman** to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc., said mortgage dated October 22, 2018, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, in Book 13108 at Page 56 and now held by Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc., dba New American Funding to Broker Solutions, Inc., dba New American Funding dated June 21, 2019, recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13297, Page 294 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **February 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land was on the westerly side of the westerly portion of Berkshire Drive Circle, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and being Lot No. 54 as shown on a plan of land of Walter Przedpelski by Adney A. Russo, dated June 10, 1972, recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 86, Page 47, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the southeast corner of Lot 55 as shown on said plan, said pin being in the westerly line of Berkshire Drive Circle;

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